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20 Infantry Battalion
1944, Intelligence Reports

BEACH REPORT.

Beach between MEREWETHER BATHS and LITTLE RED HEAD ref 760260
and 755253.

Ref Map 1/25000

1. SIGNIFICANCE.

This beach is situated 2½ miles south of NEWCASTLE and 4 miles from the large industrial works of B.H.P. Coy. Access is obtained to the PACIFIC HIGHWAY by means of B1 road from the sewerage plant situated near the beach, and the SCENIC HIGHWAY (A1 poor) running along the top of the spur directly north of the beach. It is adjacent to the suburbs of MEREWETHER, GLEBE, and ADAMSTOWN from which A1 roads run directly to the heart of the city. The high ground north of the beach at MEREWETHER trig ref 763271 commands the entire city and suburbs.

2. COASTLINE.

There are two headlands in the form of spurs (MEREWETHER AND LITTLE RED HEAD) and although these do not afford shelter for the beach from the sea as they do not protrude far beyond the coastline, their height which is between 200 ft and 300 ft offers good cover on the land. Another spur running out divides the beach forming two deep re-entrants. At the points the cliffs are unscalable but around from these points although it is steep it is possible to ascend to the high ground.

3. BEACH.

It is an exposed surf beach the northern position directly in front of the sewerage plant and colliery being 600 yds long and averaging 40 yds in width at highwater; at low water a width of 120 yds. The northern headland is surrounded by rocks and would effect landing craft, but the beach itself has a shelf caused by the water breaking close in shore and at highwater would be suitable for landing craft. The southern portion of the beach in front of GLENROCK LAGOON is 300 yds long and 50 yds in width at high water. It has similar landing facilities to the northern portion except that in tempestuous weather the sea would wash through to the LAGOON. In general it would be possible for power driven A.L.C. ~~drawin~~ drawing 3 ft of water at High tide to come near enough to the shore to land troops anywhere along the beach.

4. COMMUNICATIONS.

SEWERAGE PLANT BEACH. (a) Road from plant to Scenic H'Way.
(b) Track " Colliery to " "
(c) Line from Colliery through tunnel to MEREWETHER.

Both road and track capable of taking M.T. Telephone at Sewerage plant and Colliery.

GLENROCK LAGOON BEACH. A track from old Colliery to the BLACK RD east of KAHIBAH capable of taking M.T.

Along the central spur there is a track commencing at 755257 and leading to SCENIC HIGHWAY this track is trafficable from the west to 750260.

5. DEFENSIBILITY.

The beach has been tactically wired but due to the seas and erosion there is little of it of any value. Section posts have also been sited in tactical posns. but due to lack of maintenance are useless. In order to defend the beach should a landing be

anticipated in this area it would be necessary to dispose a Coy with a Pl of M.M.Gs and a Mortar Det in the area. Together with field works and demolitions it would be possible to co-ordinate a secure defensive position.

6. HINTERLAND.

The two deep re-entrants extending for about two miles west of the beach are covered with low bushy scrub and timbered in parts. This scrub would prevent M.T. moving through it but affords good cover for troops. The GLENROCK LAGOON also prevents an obstacle for light M.T. the depth being dependent on the rain fall and seas. The hinterland is defiladed from coastal Bty fire and from ground North, South, and West.

7. GENERAL.

It is obvious that should a landing other than a raid eventuate in the NEWCASTLE Area this portion of the coast under favourable conditions would be most suitable for such. Since permanently garrison^{ing} this area may be impracticable it is suggested that a C.R.P. situated on the beach with a direct line to a report Centre would initiate a necessary precaution. This C.R.P. would be able to give warning and the necessary immediate information which would be required under such circumstances.

Appx A Annotated enlargement of beach area

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20 AUST INF BN

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BEACH REPORT 164

H Q 20 AUST INF BN
AUSTRALIA.
22 FEB 43.

SUBJECT: - BEACH REPORT.

28 AUST INF BDE.

1. As requested by Bde Comd attached is one copy of report re Beach between Merewether Baths and Little Red Head with enlargement of Beach Area.

J. Wade LT. COL.
(F.B. WADE) COMD.
20 AUST INF BN.

UNIT.
LOCATION.
WEEK ENDING.

20 Bn.
~~9 Inf. Bde.~~
BATHURST.

2 DIV. INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

1. GENERAL MOVEMENT OF TROOPS.

1a. UNIT STRENGTHS.

UNITS.	ACTIVE.		A CLASS RES.		RE-INFTS.	
	Offrs	O.Rs.	Offrs	O.Rs.	Offrs,	O.Rs.
5 Bde. H.Q.						
✓ 20 Bn.						
54 Bn.						
56 Bn.						
18 Fd. Regt.						

2. TOPOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION.

3. ADEQUATE AIR COVER : CHANGES IN.

4. ROADS.

5. WATER SUPPLY.

6. RECCE REPORTS.

7. MORALE.

8. SPECIAL CONDITIONS.

9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

20. B.

UNIT INTELLIGENCE REPORTS.

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A. GENERAL.

1. The purpose of the reports is:-
 - (a) To convey information of value.
 - (b) To assist in the training of the "I" Section.
2. Bn. reports should be submitted in triplicate, to reach Bde. on the ~~Saturday~~ ^{Friday} morning of each week.
3. Apart from weekly reports, it is the duty of Bn. "I" Sections to see that Bde. is constantly informed of any movements of their own forces. It is the responsibility of Bde. "I" Sec. to know the positions and movements of their own forces, and to have such information constantly available.
4. Certain headings for reports are prescribed in this instruction. These headings must be followed, a "NIL" return being given where necessary. This list, however, is NOT exhaustive, and "I" Sections must use their commonsense, and pass through all relevant information, if necessary, inserting additional heads in each report.

B. REPORTS.

1. Information re Enemy.

This heading is inserted to remind "I" Sections of their responsibilities. For the present, the information will almost certainly be NIL.

2. Information re own Troops.

It is essential for "I" personnel, to become familiar with the composition and movement of their own forces. They will thus obtain the information, partly in order to assist in the training of the "I" Section.

(a) Composition.

The strength in camp (officers and O.Rs) of each Coy should be shown.

When there is any MARKED difference from the previous return, an explanation should be given.

Where there is any CONSIDERABLE absence from active duty through epidemic or casualties, this should be shown, with the number affected and explanation.

(b) Personnel.

An initial report should show the postings of all Officers of the Bn.

Subsequent reports will show any change in such postings.

All promotions (Officers and N.C.O's) should be shown, -together with any specialist pay or other awards.

(c) Location.

Bn. and Coy. movements during the past week will be shown.

Bn. and Coy movements during the forthcoming week will be forecast as accurately as possible. (Should such forecasts subsequently be altered, Bde. will be notified without delay.)

(d) Training.

The syllabus carried out in the past week should be shown.

The syllabus proposed for the succeeding week should be shown, and subsequent alteration being notified to Bde.

(e) Morale.

This will be treated as a Security Matter, and dealt with directly by "I" Officer in accordance with instructions elsewhere given.

(f) Any other relevant information.

Information re own "I" Section.

Information is very similar to that required in the case of "own troops."

(a) Composition. ✓

(b) Personnel - all ranks in the "I" Section should be dealt with.

(c) Location.

(d) Training.

(e) Any other relevant information.

It is the duty of all Bn. "I" Officers to see that Bde. is fully and continuously informed of all particulars in relation to their section.

SECURITY.

Bn. "I" Officers will, from time to time, give their sections such verbal instructions as may be necessary upon security matters.

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4. SECURITY (CONT)

Security matters will NOT be discussed in section but taken to the "I" Officer, and his instructions followed.

5. TOPOGRAPHY.

"I" has a triple role:-

- (i) To be thoroughly familiar with its own area. ✓
- (ii) To pass basic information regarding its area to own troops and higher formation.
- (iii) To pass special information through as to any topographical changes in its area. ✓ 7/11/41

Information will be given:-

- (a) Changes in adequacy of Air Cover. ✓ N. ✓
- (b) Road and bridge blockages, by flood or otherwise, ✓ with alternative routes.
- (c) New roads and road improvements. ✓ N.
- (d) Changes in water supply. ✓ ~~Water~~ Acc. ✓ N. ✓
- (e) Any recce. or topographical reports made wither ✓ by "I" Sections or otherwise.
- (f) Copies of any maps made (where practicable) ✓ otherwise a list of maps made. ✓
- (g) Any other relevant information. (handy dis. ✓)
- (h) When "I" Sections are at the Coast they will keep a Meteoriological Diary, with remarks upon the daily conditions of any beaches they may have under observation, and visibility conditions.

20 Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - EASTERN COMMAND.

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S. 2408-13

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H Q 1ST DIVISION
HOME FORCES

19 Mar 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORTS.

A. The purpose of this instruction is -

- (1) To ensure all I Os are carrying out a uniform procedure in the passing on, and collation of information.
- (2) To eliminate as far as possible unnecessary repetition.
- (3) To assist in the training of "I" Secs.

B. WEEKLY REPORTS -

- (1) Bns will forward a report each week to Bde.
- (2) Bde will collate these reports and furnish one comprehensive report to Div each week.

C. The form of the reports will be as follows -

(1) Information re enemy:

This heading is inserted to remind "I" sec of their responsibilities. For the present the information will almost certainly be NIL.

(2) Information own troops:-

- (a) Location. This will be in the form of a sit rep showing dispositions down to Coy H Q or any sub-unit acting in an independant role or under its own adm.
- (b) Training or duties. This will be a report on the syllabus carried out during the week, and a forecast of the proposed syllabus for the coming week.
- (c) Any other relevant information concerning the unit or unit area.

(3) Information re own "I" sec:-

This should be in more detail and under the following sub-headings -

- (a) Composition.
- (b) Personnel (All ranks in the "I" secs.)
- (c) Location.
- (d) Training and duties.
- (e) Any other relevant information directly affecting the sec.

(4) Security - Secret documents.

Bn "I" Officers will from time to time give their sections such verbal instructions as may seem necessary upon security matters.

Security matters will NOT be discussed in section but taken to the I C and his instructions followed

Therefore a brief mention in the weekly report is all that is necessary and this will be regarded as a confirmation of matters passed on to higher formations.

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(5) Topography - "Most important."

Bde I Cs will instruct Bn I Cs to prepare a 4" enlargement of their area. Copies to Bde. Bde will produce from these copies an enlargement of the Bde Area of which in due course two (2) copies will be forwarded to Div. This enlargement will form the master map for the whole Bde area, and all fire plans - situation maps - obstacle charts and Engineer works will be maintained on copies made from same.

These instructions will be followed to the letter. As it will readily be realised all enlargements are inaccurate, but by adopting this system any inaccuracies will be uniform throughout the Bde Area.

Bn I Cs will ensure that all topographical information they obtain is forwarded to Bde in exactly the same form as shown upon their own enlargement. Bde I C will in turn see that this information is faithfully recorded on their master map and all such information recorded passed out to whoever holds copies of their master map.

Bde I Cs will instruct Bn I Cs what form they require topographical information embodying in Bn Weekly Reports.

Bde I Cs will ensure that all information of a topographical nature will reach these H Q's. This need not be done weekly but at suitable periods, and with due consideration to the urgency of the type of information they have received

D I Cs of Units other than infantry are requested to note these instructions and to co-operate with Div Int Sec on these lines as far as applicable to their particular role.

for *W. Baker Major*
(H.M. HERFORD) Lt.-Col.
General Staff 1st Division.

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- 30 Bn
- 35 Bn
- 13 Garr. Bn
- 20 Bn
- 34 Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

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DG/BN

HQ, 1 Aust Div,
HOME FORCES.

No G522.

25 Jun 42.

Subject: INTELLIGENCE REPORTS.

- 9 Aust Inf Bde (4)
- 28 Aust Inf Bde (4)
- 31 Aust Inf Bde (3)
- 18 Grn Bn (1)
- 21 Recce Bn (1)

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 27 JUN 1942
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Note

1. Bde and Bn Intell Reports submitted to this HQ in future will be set out as below.
2. It is imperative that the Bde Report together with a copy of the Bn Reports reach Div HQ on or before 1800 hrs each Sunday. It is pointed out that reports that arrive at this HQ too late to be used in the current weeks report are usually too old to use in the next weeks report. Consequently, any reports that arrive late are so much wasted effort if they cannot be used.

FORM TO BE ADOPTED FOR BDE AND BN INTELL REPORT.

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..... INTELL REPORT.

Based on infm received up to hrs42

- Para 1. INFORMATION RE ENEMY. (a) Troops
 (b) Equipment
 (c) Tactics
- " 2. INFORMATION RE OWN TFS.
- (a) Location. { (i) Here give full Sitrep.
 (ii) Posting of oftrs. }
- (b) Training. (including Exercises projected and completed.)
- (c) Inm re "1" sec. { (i) Composition
 (ii) Tng and work. }
- " 3. TOPOGRAPHY.
- To include all recce reports, road, bridge, alterations to rd surface, air cover etc.
 Reports on bays, beaches, lagoons, wharfs etc.
 (Sketches, photos and overlays will accompany reports wherever possible. All sketches and overlays will be done in Indian Ink on tracing paper.)
- " 4. SECURITY, including MORALE.
 State also, action taken.
- " 5. GENERAL.

Any matters not included in any of the above.
 Appendices will be attached.

M Baker Major
 for (H.N. HERFORD) Colonel,
 General Staff 1 Aust Div.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORGES.

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HQ I AUST DIV
AUSTRALIA.
AUG 42.

No. G1051.

SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE INSTRUCTION NO. 3.

- 21 Aust Recce Bn
- 18 Aust Grn Bn
- 1 Aust Inf Bde (4)
- 9 Aust Inf Bde (4)
- 28 Aust Inf Bde (4)
- 31 Aust Inf Bde (3)
- 32 Aust Inf Bde (3)
- Copies to War Diary (2)

I.O.
Note

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES.

1. Each addressee will submit an Intelligence Summary weekly to reach these HQs NOT LATER THAN 2200 HRS EACH SUNDAY based on information received up to 1100 hrs on that day.

2. This summary will be in accordance with the undermentioned proforma:
FORM TO BE ADOPTED FOR BDE AND BN INTELL REPORT.

SECRET.

.....INTELL REPORT.

Based on infm received up to.....hrs.....42.

Para 1. INFORMATION RE ENEMY. (a) Troops
(b) Equipment
(c) Tactics

" 2. INFORMATION RE OWN RES.

- (a) Location. ((i) Here give full Sitrep.)
((ii) Posting of offrs. (A full posting every second month, alterations every week down to Bn offrs.).
- (b) Training. (Including Exercises projected and completed).
- (c) Infm re "I" Sec. ((i) Composition)
((ii) Tng and work)

" 3. TOPOGRAPHY.

To include all recce reports, road, bridge, alterations to rd surface, air cover etc.
Reports on bays, beaches, lagoons, wharfs etc.
(Sketches, photos and overlays will accompany reports wherever possible. All sketches and overlays will be done in Indian Ink on tracing paper).

" 4. SECURITY, including MORALE.

State also, action taken.

" 5. GENERAL.

Any matters not included in any of the above, Appendices will be attached.

3. Summaries are NOT required by these HQs from units other than above addressees but each Bde should arrange for units to forward summaries weekly to their HQs in time for information to be collated. It is stressed that the summaries MUST reach these HQs as stated above otherwise the information contained therein will NOT be included in the collated summary sent to Second Aust Army.

LOCATION STATEMENTS.

4. Included in the Weekly Summary there will be a full location statement. In addition each addressee will forward daily to reach these HQs NOT LATER THAN 2200 HRS a location statement showing any changes in dispositions as at 1300 Hrs together with the proposed training areas, exercises etc. for the following day.

SITREPS.

5. During active operations a sitrep will also be forwarded daily at the same time giving a brief outline of the situation including own troops and enemy.

GENERAL.

6. The term "Sitnor" may be used in lieu of "SITREP NO CHANGE."

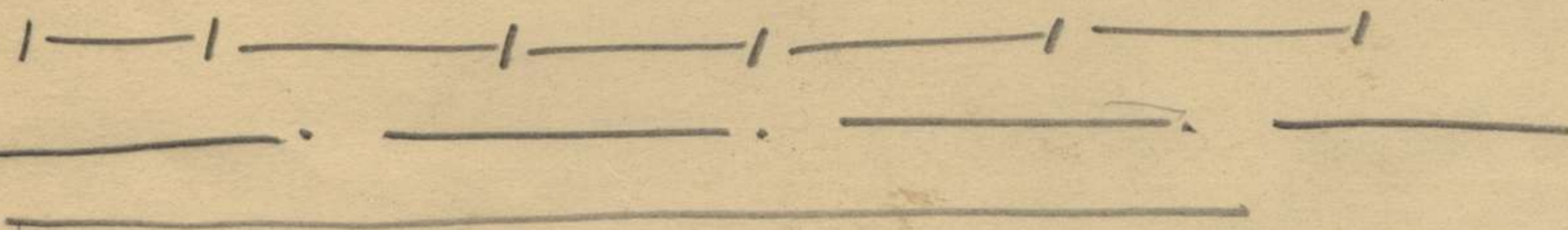
7. The above instructions DO NOT in any way relieve units of the responsibility of advising these HQs immediately of any important changes in disposition or other items of Intelligence.

A. H. Baker Mayer
for Col.
CS I AUST DIV.

1 AUST DIV STANDING ORDERS FOR WAR

PARA 27 "I" SUMMARIES & REPORTS

- (a) During ops Bde Gps and other units directly under Comd 1 Aust Div will render int summaries to H.Q. 1 Aust Div daily with infm for the 24 hrs ending 1200 hrs. to reach H.Q. 1 Aust Div by 1400 hrs.
- (b) During static periods Int summaries and reports will be submitted once per week to reach this H.Q. by 0900 hrs each Monday. A location statement showing all units under comd will be included



20/34 AUST INF BN

17 MAR 1944

No. 44/6

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Subject : WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORTS

Address HQ 9 Aust Inf Bde
AUSTRALIA. AIF.

16 Mar 44.

1/45 AUST INF BN.
17 AUST INF BN.
20/34 AUST INF BN. ✓

1. Commencing forthwith Weekly Intelligence Reports will be submitted as set out hereunder by all addressee Units :

Para 1. sub - para (b) Locations - own troops.
Para 19 sub - paras (a) (e) (f).

2. The distribution of 1 Aust Div Intelligence Summary has ceased. Notification of this will appear in 1 Aust Div R.O's at an early date.

M.G. Haigh

.....CAPT.
(M.G. HAIGH)
I.O. 9 AUST INF BDE.

'I' Office.
20 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Australia.
23 April '43.

20 Aust. Inf. Bn. Intelligence Report No 30.

Based on information up to 1800 hrs 23 April '43.

1. INFORMATION re ENEMY.

- (a) Troops = Nil on immediate front.
(b) Equipment = Nil report.
(c) Tactics. = Nil report.

2. INFORMATION RE OWN TROOPS.

- (a) Location
1. Returned from ADAMSTOWN 22 Apr '43 now established at RUTHERFORD CAMP.
 2. Posting of Offrs as previously submitted.
- (b) Training.
1. Coy exercises in attack (day and night)
Building of "BUNKERS" and exercise in their tactical use.
First aid lectures and demonstrations.
Demonstrations on knots and lashings.
Lecture on 'A' and 'Q' in New Guinea.
Section Tng , close order drill and P & R.T.
At 1000, hrs 23 Apr. '43 one hundred , 20 Bn. V.D.C. marched in for Tng.
N.C.O's and Offrs participating in Tng as shown in Syllabus submitted 22 Apr '43.

(c) Information. re 'I' Section.

1. Composition : 1 Offr , 1 Sgt , 2 Cpls , 1 O.R.
2. Tng and Work : Routine Duties.

3. Topography.

Nil Report.

4. Security.

(a) Information.

(b) Personnel -- No attempt to spread dissatisfaction noticed within this period.

(c) Material. -- Well safeguarded by picquets against theft or sabotage.

(d) Operations. -- No previous information regarding exercises is circulation & place to be used is kept secret.

(e) Censorship. -- No breaches to hand during this period.

(f) Suspected Person. --
No such persons under notice within Unit.

(g) Morale. Internal == High.
External == High.

J. H. Wade
Lt-Col.
(.F.B. Wade) Comd.
20 Aust. Inf. Bn.

G. Cook
Lieut.
(G. Cook) I.O.
20 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

HQ. 20 Aust. Inf. Bn.
AUSTRALIA.

30 Apr ' 43.

Subject :: Posting of Officers.

28 Aust. Inf. Bde.
AUSTRALIA.

Maj.	T/Lt.Col.	NX101345	Wade	F.B.	C.O.
Lieut.	T/Maj.	NX111829	Cooper	E.J.	2.i/c.
"	T/Capt.	NX101348	Rickwood	E.J.	O.C. C. Coy.
"	"	NX101635	Oakley	C.P.	2.i/c D. Coy. (det 9 Bde)
"	"	NX101636	Moorcroft	J.W.	O.C. B. Coy.
"	"	NX126753	Wiseman	W.F.	Adjutant.
"	"	NX101351	Matthews	R.B.	2.i/c B. Coy.
"	"	NX101350	Davidson	D.A.	O.C. HQ Coy.
"	"	NX101637	Brown	S.	2.i/c HQ Coy.
"	"	NX101639	Goldsmith	E.L.	O.C. D. Coy.
"	"				
Lieut.		NX101643	Dawes	B.E.	S.O.
"		NX133615	O'Brien	L.E.	No 8 Pl.
"		NX101649	Soper	J.M.	No 16 Pl.
"		NX101645	Davidson	J.T.	No 11 Pl.
"		NX112074	Cook	C.	I.O.
"		NX127467	Beacroft	E.C.	No 5 Pl.
"		NX125339	Tuckerman	W.G.	2.i/c No 4 Pl.
"		NX118483	Smith	W.P.	No 13 Pl.
"		NX134329	Miller	J.A.	No 12 Pl.
"		NX125336	Bagnell	N.H.	No 14 Pl.
"		NX144603	Shaw	N.P.	No 10 Pl.
"		NX122967	Robinson	J.F.	No 17 Pl.
"		NX108001	Keft	J.H.	Q.M.
"		N 303973	Mayne	S.L.	No 9 Pl.

F.B. Wade
Lt. Col.
(F.B. Wade) Comd.
20 Aust. Inf. Bn.
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" I " Section
' I ' Office.
20 Aust. Inf. Bn.
AUSTRALIA.

30 Apr ' 1943.

20 AUST. INF. BN. INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 31.

Based on information up to 1800 hrs on the 30 Apr ' 1943.

1. INFORMATION re ENEMY.

- (a) Troops. = Nil on immediate front.
(b) Equipment = Nil Report.
(c) Tactics. = Nil Report.

2. INFORMATION re OWN TROOPS.

- (a) Location. = 1. 'A' Block RUTHERFORD CAMP ref PATERSON
533555

2. Posting of Officers as appended.

- (b) Training. = 1. Personnel of Unit participated in the training of the V.D.C. Numbering approx one hundred who entered this Camp for the Easter Holiday period. 23-26 Apr incl. During this period instructors were provided for a BULL ring on individual weapon training also exhibition squads, demonstration sections, umpires and directing staffs were supplied. Keen interest was shown by the V.D.C. personnel and a high standard was attained even in this short period. It was requested by the V.D.C. that future periods of similar training be arranged. After the V.D.C. marched out, this Unit checked all equipment and stores in general preparation for the six day three monthly leave which commenced 28 Apr ' 43.

- (c) Information. = 1. Composition = 1 Offr, 1sgt, 2Cpls, 10.R.
Re "I" Section. 2. Tng & work = Schools, participation in V.D.C. exercises, routine duties, leave.

3. TOPOGRAPHY. = Nil report.

4. SECURITY. =

- (a) Information. = A common rumour exists that 28 Bde will shortly be moving to St. Ives.

(b) Personnel = No attempt to spread dissatisfaction noticed within this period.

(c) Material. = Well safeguarded by picquets against theft or sabotage.

(d) Operations. = No previous information regarding exercise is circulated and the place to be used for the exercise is kept secret.

(e) Censorship. = No breaches to hand during this period.

(f) Suspected Persons. = No such persons under notice within Unit.

(g) Morale. = Intrenal == High.
External == High.

W. M. ...
(F.D. W.D.C. Lt. Col.)
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C. Cook
(C. Cook) I.O.

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I. Office.
20 Aust Inf Bn.
Australia.
7-5-43.

20 Aust Inf Bn Intelligence Report No 32.

Based on information received up to 1800 hrs on 6 May 43.

(1) Information re Enemy

- (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Equipment - Nil Report.
- (c) Tactics - Nil Report.

(2) Information re Own Troops.

- (a) Location - Ref Patterson 533555.
 - (1) "A" Block Rutherford Camp.
 - (2) Posting of Officers as submitted.

- (3) (b) Unit on 6 day 3 monthly leave until return from same on night of 5/6 May.

Interior economy.

Preparation for L.H.C. exercise scheduled for 7,8,9 May.
Members of V.D.C. expected in Rutherford Camp for further tug on 8,9 May and NCOs detailed to remain in camp to instruct.

(4) (c) Information re I Section.

- (1) Composition - 1 Cofr, 1 Sgt, 2 Gpls, 1 Cr.
- (2) Tng & Work.

Lt Cook detached to 20 Aust Inf Bde on 5 April 43.
Cpl Togg in attendance at advanced MR & FS school Seymour.
Cpl Puckeridge returned to unit on hospital
Leave and routine duties

- (5) Topography Nil to hand during this period.

(6) Security (a) Information.

- Rumor still report a proposed 20 Bde move to vicinity St Ives and later rumours quote now now cancelled.
- (b) Personnel.
No attempt to spread dissatisfaction noticed during this period.
- (c) Material
Piquets on all stores prevent theft or sabotage.
- (d) Operations.
No information as to location of exercise areas circulated beforehand.
- (e) Censorship.
No evidence of breaches during this period
- (f) Suspected Persons
None such persons at present within this unit
- (g) Morale Internal - High
External - Very high due to leave during period.
- (h) General.
Nil report.

W. Puckeridge Cpl
For. (C. Cook) Lieut IO.
F. B. Wade (F.B. Wade) Lt Col.

(f) SUSPECTED PERSONS. No such persons at present within Unit.

(g) INTERNAL = High.

EXTERNAL. = High.

(h) GENERAL.

Keen discussion is always noticed during A.E.S. lectures and it is evident that such discussions tend to give the soldier a better understanding of War and politics generally.

W. Puckridge bpl

Lieut.

Jor (C. Cook) I.O.
20 Aust. Inf. Bn.

A. O. D.

Whiteman
Lt-Col.
(F. W. Wade) C.O.
20 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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20 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 1

Based on information received up to 1800 hrs 13 May. '43

1. INFORMATION re ENEMY.

- (a) TROOPS. Nil on immediate front.
- (b) EQUIPMENT Nil report
- (c) Tactics Nil report

2. INFORMATION re OWN TRPS.

- (a) LOCATION
 1. "A" BLOCK RUTHERFORD CAMP ref. PATTERSON 533555.
 2. Posting of Offrs as submitted.

- (b) TRAINING
 1. Training of V.D.C. personnel during week end 8/9 May '43.
 2. 66 personnel attended L.H.Q. TANK - INFANTRY Cooperation exercise SINGLETON 7/8/9/ May.
 3. 4 Offrs and 4 NCO's to Jungle Range WINDSOR 7/5/43.
 4. Gas Trg.
 5. Section and Specialist Trg.
 6. 11 NCO's attending 28 Aust Inf Bde O.T.S.
 7. 2 Day exercise 12/13 May, Bn in attack, night consolidation and occupation of a defensive position.
 8. Further participation in exercise arranged by 28 Bde in R.T. code procedure (c/o Adj. Sig O. & I.O. from this Unit taking part.)
 9. Camp and Vehicle maintenance
 10. Transport Pl undergoing a course of M.R.
 11. Lectures and trg films arranged by A.E.S.

(c) INFORMATION re "I" SECTION.

- 1. Composition 1 Offr. 1 Sgt. 2 Cpls. 1 O.R.
- 2. Trg & Work Lt Cook still detached to 28 Aust Inf Bde.
Cpl Tagg returned from ~~xxxx~~ advanced M.R. & F.S. School SHEYMOUR on 10/5/43.
Sgt Walker attended Jungle Range WINDSOR on 7/5/43.

Duties this period consisted of

- (1) routine ~~xxxx~~ Duties.
- (2) Preparation of Overlays & enlargements for 2 day exercise 12/13/ May
- (3) Wherever possible participation in trg as in sub para B above.

3. TOPOGRAPHY.

Nil to hand during this period.

4. SECURITY.

- (a) INFORMATION. Rumour still has it that a move is eminent and much speculation as to whereabouts.
- (b) PERSONNEL. No evidence of any attempt to spread dissatisfaction noticed.
- (c) MATERIAL. All material well picketed against theft or sabotage
- (d) OPERATIONS. No unauthorised persons allowed within camp block and localities of exercises not released prior to exercise.
- (e) CENSORSHIP. No breaches to hand during period.

20 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 34.

Based on information received up to 1800 hrs 20 May 1943.

1. INFORMATION RE ENEMY.

- (a) Troops:- Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Equipment:- Nil report
- (c) Tactics:- Nil report.

2. INFORMATION RE OWN TROOPS.

- (a) Location:- 1. A Block RUTHERFORD C.M. ref Paterson 533555.
2. Posting of Officers:- as submitted.
- (b) Training:- 1. Specialists - Sigs
Carriers } on own syllabus.
I Sec }
Transport still undergoing course of M.R.
2. P.T. & Organised games and unarmed combat daily to maintain fitness.
3. Gas lectures and T.C.R. to specialised in order to impress troops with the necessity for personal knowledge of same.
4. Individual & Sec Trg.
5. Close order drill & rifle exercises.
6. Route marches.
7. Lectures:- 1. "Time to learn new" 2. "Attack on fortified post"
3. "Mountain warfare" ref A.T.Ks
8. Night Lectures. a. S.O. for Security.
b. Message Writing
c. Movement by stars.

Projected Training:- V.D.C. personnel are to march in for weekend training 22/23 May and certain Offrs. and N.C.O.s detailed as directing staff.

- Coy Tok embracing
- 1. Practical M.R.
 - 2. Direction by map
 - 3. Use of compass
 - 4. Fieldcraft.

laid down for 23/24 May.

- (c) Information re 'I' Sec:- 1. Composition 1 Offr, 1 Sgt 2 Cpls 1 O.R.
2. Trg & Work:- Lt Cook still detached to 28 Bde.
a. Routine duties.
b. Enlargement VDG Offrs Trg area for weekend 22/23 May.
c. Recall of maps for stocktaking.
d. Preparation & giving of lecture 'Movement by Stars'
e. New members of I Sec undergoing course in elementary M.R.
f. Participation where duties permit in training as in sub para (b) above.

3. TOPOGRAPHY. Nil top hand during this period.

4. SECURITY. (a) Information:- Rumours still prevalent re possibilities of 28 Bde move and possibility of move strengthened by recall of maps this week for stocktaking.
It has been suggested that if in future a move is eminent that personnel be allowed to retain maps until arrival at new site.
- (b) Personnel:- No spread attempt to spread dissatisfaction noticed.
 - (c) Material:- Well picketed against theft or sabotage.
 - (d) Operations:- Unauthorised persons not allowed within camp block. Localities of exercise not released prior to move.
 - (e) Censorship:- No breaches to hand during period.

- (f) Suspected persons:- No such persons at present within Unit.
- (g) Morale:- Internal = High
External = High.
- (h) General:- Nil report.

P. Walker Sgt
Lieut
(C.O.) I.C.
20 Aust Inf Bn

F. Wade Lt. Col.
(F.B. WADE) Comd.
20 AUSTRALIAN INF BATTAL

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Based on information received up to 1800 hrs 27 May 43.

1. Information re Enemy.

- a. Troops ----- Nil on immediate front.
- b. Equipment ----- Nil report.
- c. Tactics ----- Nil report.

2. Information re Own Troops.

- a. Location
 - i. A block Rutherford Camp ref Paterson 533555
 - ii. Postings of officers: as submitted.

b. Training.

The continued wet weather during this week has restricted outdoor training, consequently, indoor lectures have occupied most of the period. Training of VDC personnel, scheduled to march in last weekend and coy trek laid down for 23/24 inst, have also been postponed.

Training as follows:

- i. P.T. and organised games.
- ii. Visual training.
- iii. Weapon PG. (restricted due to weather)
- iv. Platoon mg.
- v. Cos T.
- vi. Lectures
 - a. Jap Tactics
 - b. Jungle weapons
 - c. Jungle Tactics and combat squad.
 - d. Jungle offensive tactics.
 - e. Anti-malarial measures.
 - f. Jap Chemical Warfare.
- vii. Organised sports afternoon.
- viii. " HK's still attending 28 Bde OTS.
- viii. Educational Films and Lectures.
Coy trek postponed from 23/24 May, has now been set down for 2/3 June.

c. Information re I Section.

- (1) Composition. 1 Offr. 1 Sjt. 2 Cpls. 1 OR.
- (2) Training & Work. Lt. Cook still detached to 28 Aust Inf Bde. Cpl. Puckeridge admitted to hosp. suffering from dislocated shoulder sustained on sports afternoon.
 - a. Routine duties
 - b. Map stocktaking.
 - c. New members of I Section still undergoing course of elementary MR
 - d. Tracings of VDC Offrs training areas.
 - e. Participation where duties permit in training as in sub para b, above.

3. Topography Nil to hand during this period.

4. Security.

- (1) Information. Rumors re move still circulating but inquiries have shown that apparently source of same is due to fact that this Bde has completed 6 months in this area.
- (2) Personnel. Report re suspicious civilian in WEST MAITLAND was forwarded to 1 Aust Div. No evidence of any attempt to spread dissatisfaction was noticed.
- (3) Material. Requests on all stores and materials.
- (4) Operations. Unauthorised persons not allowed within Camp blocks. - Localities of projected exercises not circulated prior to move.
- (5) Censorship. Minor breaches being dealt with, lectures being given regularly.
 Suspected persons. No such persons at present within unit.

4. Security. (Contd.)

7. Morale. Internal high. Improvement has been noticed since
inauguration of Sports afternoon.
External High.

5. General. Nil report.

C. Cook
Lieut.
(C. COOK)
I. O. 20 Aust Inf. Bn.

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F. B. Wade
Lt-Col.,
(F. B. WADE)
Cmd. 20 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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20 AUST INF BN. INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 36.

Based on information received up to 1800 hrs 3 June '43.

1. INFORMATION re ENEMY.

- (a) TROOPS:- Nil on immediate front.
- (b) EQUIPMENT:- Nil Report.
- (c) TASTICS:- Nil Report.

2. INFORMATION re OWN TROOPS.

- (a) LOCATION ABLOCK RUTHERFORD CAMP ref. PATTERSON 533555.
2. Posting of Offrs as submitted.

- (b) TRAINING.
 - (1) PT& Unarmed Combat daily.
 - (2) General Tactics Jungle Warfare.
 - (3) Recapitulation Fieldcraft & Visual Trg.
 - (4) " " Weapon Trg. Gas & Bayonet.
 - (5) A.E.S. lectures & training films
 - (6) Map Reading exercise (treasure Hunt.)
 - (7) Lecture (a) General tactics jungle warfare
(b) Abbreviations & practice message writing.
 - (8) Night Compass march.
 - (9) Organised Sports afternoon.
 - (10) 2 day exercise - trek - exercising all troops in practical M.R. on the move - The giving of maps to all troops stimulated interest a great deal.

(c) INFORMATION re "I" SEC.

- (1) COMPOSITION 1 Offr., 1 Sgt. 2 Cpls. 1 O.R.
- (2) TRG. & WORK. Lieut Cook still detached to 28 Aust Inf Bde & Cpl Puckeridge still in Hospital as previously reported.
 - (a) Routine duties.
 - (b) Enlargements of Offrs trg. Area.
 - (c) Sgt Walker attended Offrs T.E.W.F.S. 28 - 31 May and 1 June.
 - (d) Recce of area for future Bn exercises SWEETMAN'S CREEK - MYALL RANGE area Report on same will be forwarded in next weeks "I" report.
 - (e) Participation where possible in trg a sub para B.

3. Topography Recce of area as stated above made but report will be forwarded later.4. Security

- (a) Information rumors re possible move have stopped noticeably in past week
- (b) Personal No evidence of any attempt to spread disaffection noticed.
- (c) Material Piquets on all stores & material
- (d) Operations. Unauthorized persons not allowed within camp block locations of proposed exercises not ~~disclosed~~ disclosed previous to move.
- (e) Censorship ^{Minor} breaches being dealt with.
- (f) Suspected persons. No such persons at present within unit.
- (g) Morale. Internal high. Sports afternoon creating great competition and interest. External high.

5. General Series of Security lectures by member of FS proved very popular with troops, and it was noticed that rumors dropped appreciably probably as a direct result of such lectures.DISTRIBUTION.

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Lieut
(C. COOK) I.O. 20 AIBn
Lt-Col.
(F.B. WADE)
Comd. 20 Aust Inf Bn

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10 June 43

RECONNAISSANCE REPORT.

Vicinity: - Ranges-Westmans Creek-Congrevoi Pyall.

Object. To recon area and report re suitability for In exercise.

Route. As per appended overlay.

Findings.

- (1) Ascent and descent of range very precipitous.
- (2) Top of main ridge undulating thereby restricting pace and proving very fatiguing.
- (3) Woodcutters tracks leading from main feature at almost every spur necessitating close study of map.
- (4) Outcroppings of rock on top of main feature at points shown on overlay necessitated detour around ridge, where precipitous side of hill made going difficult.
- (5) Absence of water on top of ridge but water obtainable in most re-entrants.

Summary.

Owing to confusion of tracks, severe undulations on ridge, heavy timber and rock outcroppings it is considered that the area reconnoitred is unsuitable for tactical In exercises but would be ideal as a test of endurance involving map reading, the latter especially, there being an unrestricted panorama looking N.E. enabling resection and recognition of features to be made at almost any time. The absence of water would necessitate strict water discipline. It is considered that if the same route is to be taken that it should cover 3 days, as 2 days would necessitate movement after dusk, such being dangerous in this type of country.

S. Cook Lieut.
(S. Cook)
1. C. 20 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA.
for the Sgt

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10 June 43

RECONNAISSANCE REPORT.

Vicinity: - Ranges-Westmans Creek-Duncauld Lyall.

Object. To recon area and report re suitability for Bn exercise.

Route. As per appended overlay.

Findings.

- (1) Ascent and descent of range very precipitous.
- (2) Top of main ridge undulating thereby restricting pace and proving very fatiguing.
- (3) Woodcutters tracks leading from main feature at almost every spur necessitating close study of map.
- (4) Outcroppings of rock on top of main feature at points shown on overlay necessitated detour around ridge, where precipitous side of hill made going difficult.
- (5) Absence of water on top of ridge but water obtainable in most re-entrants.

Summary.

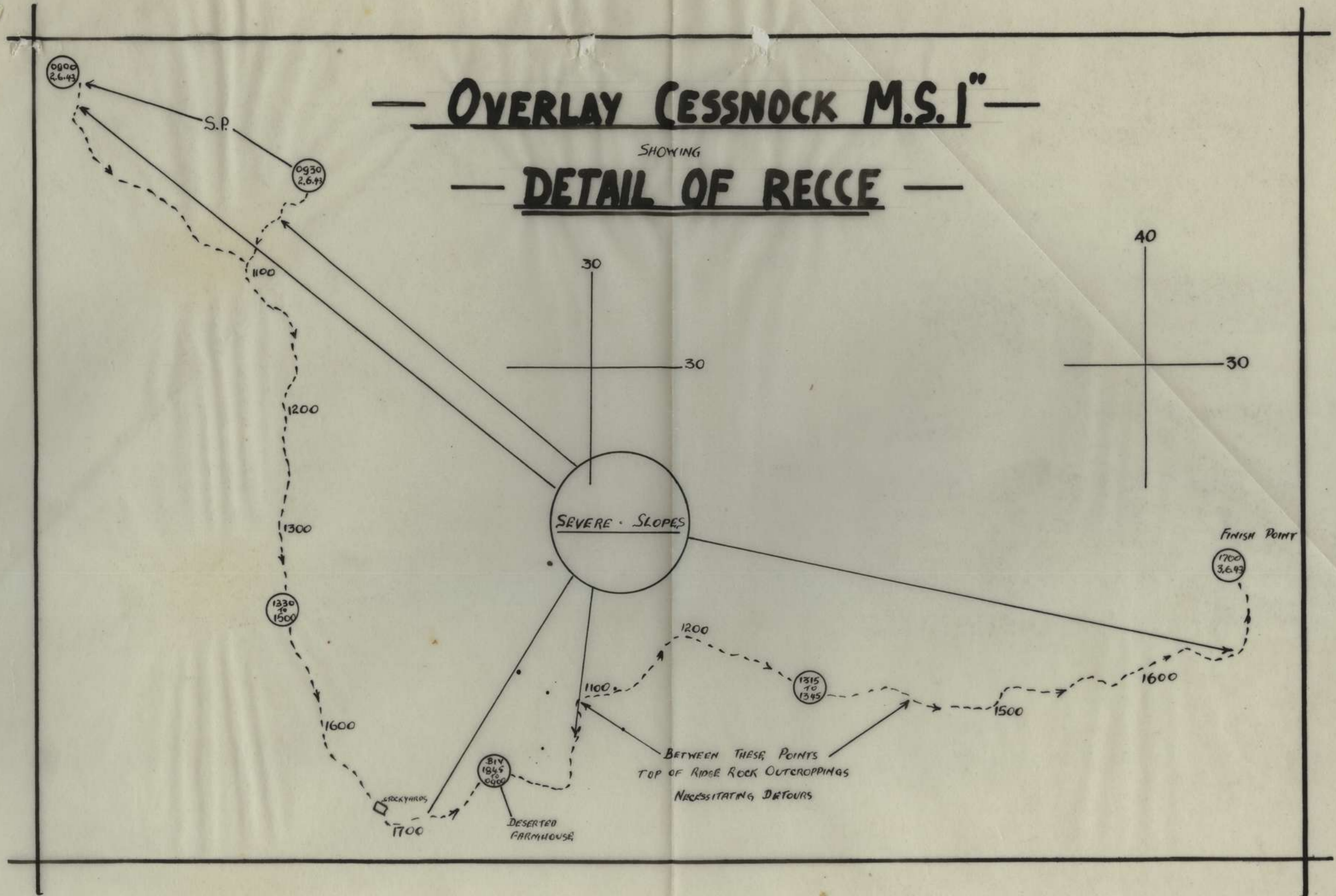
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L. Cook Lieut.
(L. Cook)
I.C. 20 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA
L. Cook

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20 Aust Inf Bn.
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12 JUN 43.

Subject :- 20 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 37.
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Based on information received up to 1800 hrs 10 Jun 43.

1. INFORMATION RE ENEMY.
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(a) Troops :- Nil on immediate front.

(b) Equipment :- Nil report

(c) Tactics :- Nil report.

2. INFORMATION RE OWN TROOPS.
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(a) Location I. 'A' Block Rutherford Camp ref PATERSON 533555

II. Posting of Officers as submitted.

(b) Training. I. D.T. & Unarmed Combat daily.

II. Recapitulation Gas Tng.

III. Gas Educational Films.

IV. Smartening Exercises.

V. Tng V.D.C. in section patrols, line communication, range practice, correct handling of rifle, grenade throwing, & Destruction of Enemy Tanks at night. V.D.C. Showed interest & enthusiasm in this work/

VI. Lectures:
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(a) Message Writing

(b) Prevention of Malaria in the Tropics.

(c) Pidgin English - its origin & use in New Guinea.

(d) Soldiering in the Tropics.

(e) Signal Security & R/T Code.

VII. One months school commenced 9 Jun 43 to fit senior N.C.O's for more advanced tactical tng.

VIII. Bde Comd inspected troops and arms.

3. INFORMATION RE 'I' SEC.
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1. Composition 1 Offr 1 Sgt. 2 Cpls 1 O.R.

2. Tng & Work . Lieut Cook still detached to 28 Aust Inf Bde. Sgt. Wakker attending tactical tng school for Senior N.C.O's. Cpl. Puckeridge in hospital as previously reported.

(a) Routine duties.

(b) Assisting V.D.C. Tng in Section Patrols.

3. TOPOGRAPHY:

See Appx 'A' for report on SWEETMANS CK - Myall Range Area.

4. SECURITY:

- (a) KKK Information :- NO Rumours reported during past week.
- (b) Personal :- No evidence of any attempt of any attempt to spread dissatisfaction.
- (c) Picquets :- Posted on all stores and materials no loss reported during this period.
- (d) Operations :- Unauthorized persons not allowed within Camp Block, no leakage of information concerning exercises detected.
- (e) Censorship :- Owing to the lack of breaches of censorship during this period we must assume that they continued publicity ~~is~~ giving this matter is making the troops conscious of their responsibility in this direction.
- (f) Suspected persons :- No such persons at present within Unit.
- (g) Morale :- (a) Internal High : Sporting activities tended to further heighten moral and has created additional interests for the troops.
(b) External : High.

5. GENERAL:

Nil report.

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J.R. Jaggel Lieut.
(C. Cook)
I.O. 20 Aust Inf Bn.

Askan Lt/Col.
(F.B. Wade)
Comd 20 Aust Inf Bn.

20 Aust Inf Bn
18 Jun. 43.

Subject:- 20 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE REPORT. NO. 38.

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 17 Jun. 43.

1. INFORMATION RE ENEMY.

- (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Equipment - Nil report.
- (c) Tactics - Nil report.

2. INFORMATION RE OWN TROOPS.

- (a) Location. 1. "A" Block Rubberford Camp ref PATTERSON 533555.
- 11. Posting of officers as submitted.
- (b) Training. 1. PT and unarmed combat.
- 11. Recapitulation jungle training.
- 111. Exercise - application jungle fighting.
- IV. Section and Pl. battle drill.
- V. Two day exercise - Battle drill and free-for-all.
- VI. Three day exercise in conjunction with 34 Bn area SUGARLOAF RANGE as arranged by 28 Bde.

3. INFORMATION RE #1+ SECTION.

- 1. Composition . 1 offr. 1 Sgt. 2 Cpls. 1 OR.
- 2. Trg & Work. Lieut Cook detached to 28 Bde.
- Sgt. Walker attending tactical school for senior NCOs.
- Cpl. Puckeridge in hospital as previously reported.
- (a) Routine duties.
- (b) Individual training where possible.

4. TOPOGRAPHY.

Nil to hand during this period.

5. SECURITY.

- (a) Information.- Complete absence of rumours during past week.
- (b) Personnel. - No evidence of any attempt to spread dissatisfaction.
- (c) Material. - Picquets posted on all stores and materials, no loss reported.
- (d) Operations.- Unauthorised persons not allowed in Camp Block, no leakage detected.
- (e) Censorship. - Only one minor breach during this period.
- (f) Suspected persons. - No such person at present within unit.
- (g) Morale - a. Internal excellent.
b. External high.

6. GENERAL.

Nil report.

W. H. ...
Lieut.
(G. COOK)
I.O. 20 Aust Inf Bn.

E. J. ...
Maj.
(E. J. COOPER)
Adm Comd. 20 Aust Inf Bn.

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26 June 43

20 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 39

Based on information received up to 1200hrs 24 June 43.

1. Information re Enemy.

- (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Equipment - Nil Report.
- (c) Tactics - Nil Report.

2. Information re Own Troops.

- (a) Location: "A" Block, Rutherford Camp, ref Paterson 533555.
Posting of officers as submitted.
- (b) Training:

- 1. Bn returned from 3 day free for all. Exercise on 18 June 43 vic Sugarloaf Range Drunkerville Area.
- 2. P.T. & organised games.
- 3. Sec & Pl Field Craft & Battle Drill.
- 4. 2 day exercise arranged by 28 Bde and under direction of Maj. E.J. Cooper, 20 Bn and conducted in Minmi area. Exercise showed a lack of coordinated movement owing to the construction of the Coy which was drawn from specialists groups to build strength of sections and were not as reliable as the regular riflemen. Further training is necessary to bring personnel up to required standard.
- 5. Lectures. Gas Weapons.
- 6. Football Training.
- 7. C.O. 20 Bn expected to return to unit from 2 weeks Hygiene School, night of 25 Jun 43.
- 8. V.D.C. marched in 20 Jun 43 for week ending in Q.D. exercises and rifle practise on miniature range. A night exercise was held to instruct VDC in destruction of enemy tanks by night. A feature of the trg was the interest and enthusiasm shown by all VDC personnel in exercises, keen personal interest was evident by the manner in which tactics of exercises were freely discussed.

3. Information re "I" Section.

- 1. Composition, 1 Offr 1 Sgt 2 Cpls 1 OR
 - 2. Trg & Work, Lt. Cook attending tactical school at Beenleigh
Sgt Walker attending tactical school for senior N.C.O's conducted within 20 Bn.
Cpl Puckeridge returned from hospital 22 Jun.
- (a) Routine Duties
 - (b) Participation in Bn exercises where possible

4. Topography.

Nil to hand during this period.

5. Security.

- (a) Information: It has been reported that when 18 Fd Amb moved out by rail the railway consignment notes were clearly marked: 18 Fd Amb, CAIRNS.
 - (b) Personnel: No evidence of any attempt to spread dissatisfaction.
 - (c) Material: Picquets posted on all stores and materials, no loss reported.
 - (d) Operations: Unauthorised persons must produce proof of identity before being admitted to
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of identity before being admitted to camp area. No leakage of information detected.

(e) Censorship: No breaches during this period.

(f) Suspected Persons: No such persons at present within unit.

(g) Morale: Internal excellent. Winter sports tend to keep the minds of troops occupied when not engaged in duties. External high.

6. General. Attached is APPXA. showing Security Report for period 25 April to 25 June 43.

(Sgd) W.P.S. Lieut.
(W.P. SMITH)
I.O. 20 Aust Inf Bn.

P.B. Wade
Lt-Col.
(P.B. WADE)
Comd. 20 Aust Inf Bn.

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20 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 40.

Hq. 20 AUST INF BN.
AUSTRALIA.
1 Jul. 43.

28 AUST INF BDE.

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs ~~xxxxx~~ ^{1 Jul.} 43.

1. Information Re Enemy.

- (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Equipment - Nil report.
- (c) Tactics. - Nil report.

2. Information Re Own Troops.

- (a) Location. i. "A" Block Rutherford Camp ref PATERSON 533555
- ii. Posting of officers as submitted.

(b) Training.

- i. PT and unarmed combat.
- ii. See & Pl Battle Drill.
- iii. Drill for house clearing, isolated cover and small woods.
- iv. River crossing using assault boats and rescue boats via ref PATERSON MS sq 5257.
- v. Route march.
- vi. Smartening exercises.
- vii. Carrier personnel on 2 day exercise map reading and tactics via PATERSON.
- viii. Lecture and practice-sending messages by W/T using R/T Code.
- ix. Exercise. destruction enemy tanks by night.
- x. Educational lectures by AHS
 - (a) Atlantic Charter.
 - (b) Lend Lease.
- xi. 4 offr 3 NCOs made inspection of BHP steel works at NEWCASTLE.

3. Information Re +I" Section.

- 1. Composition. 1 offr. 1 sgt. 2 cpls. 1 L/Cpl.
- 2. Trg & Work. Lt. W. Smith acting I.O. in Lt Cook's absence. Sgt Walker to attend Intelligence school at BEENLEIGH. Routine Duties. Continuing own syllabus where possible.

4. Topography. Nil to hand.

5. Security.
- (a) Information. It has been reported by a member of this unit that he witnessed a complete lack of security on the part of a member of the AWC. The individual concerned freely gave information concerning storage huts and types of stores including quantity of tyres etc. When questioned regarding the measures taken in Allied Works Council concerning security of information he stated that the works had not stressed the need for care in this regard.
 - (b) Personnel - No attempt to spread dissatisfaction.
 - (c) Material - No reported loss of stores.
 - (d) Operations - No leakage detected.
 - (e) Censorship. -
 - (f) Suspected persons. - No such persons known within unit.
 - (g) Morale (a) Internal excellent (b) External High.

5. General. Nil report.

W. Smith Lieut.
(C. COOK)
I.O. 20 Aust Inf Bn.

Lt-Col.
(F.B. WADE)
Comd. 20 Aust Inf Bn.

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H. 20 AUST INF BN.
AUSTRALIA.
9 Jul. 43.

28 AUST INF BDR.

Based on information received up to 1200hrs 6 Jul. 43.

1. Information re Enemy.
 - (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
 - (b) Equipment - Nil report
 - (c) Tactics - Nil report.

2. Information re Own Troops.
 - (a) Location. A Block HUNTERFORD CAMP ref PATTERSON 533555
 - (b) Training.
 1. PT and Unarmed Combat
 2. Individual Fieldcraft.
 3. Drill for house clearing, attacking enemy pillboxes and fortification.
 4. Night exercise, standing and fighting patrols.
 5. Personnel from Bn participated in Gyrkham held at West Maitland on afternoon of the 3 Jul. 43.
 6. Bn were spectators at demonstration held at Nelsons Bay, 8 Jul. 43 for the purpose of showing method of landing troops, in amphibious ops.
 7. Preparations for move to GATESHEAD.
 8. Training film "Lens Peeking".

Information re "I" Section.

1. Composition 1 offr. 1 sgt. 2 cpls. 1 I/Cpl.
2. Trg & Jock - Lt W. Smith acting IO in Lt Cook's absence.
Sgt Walker attending intelligence school at SCARBURY, Q.
I/Cpl. Rice to attend MRSS's school Seymour commencing 12 Jul. 43.
Routine duties.
Preparation for move to GATESHEAD.

3. Topography. Nil to hand.

4. Security Information. Generally known that unit is about to move to GATESHEAD.

Personnel No attempt to spread dissatisfaction noticed within this period.

Material. Picquets posted on all stores and materials, no loss reported.

Operations Unauthorized persons not allowed within camp block no leakage of information detected.

Censorship No breaches of censorship reported.

Suspected persons. No such person known within unit.

Morale. (a) Internal - Excellent.
(b) External - High.

5. General. Nil report.

W. J. Cook Lieut.
(C.O.)
I.C. 20 Aust Inf Bn

F. B. Rice Lt-Col.
(F.B. Rice)
Comd. 20 Aust Inf Bn.

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22 Jul. 43.

20 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 43.

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 22 Jul. 43.

1. Information Re Enemy..

- (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Equipment- Nil report.
- (c) Tactics. - Nil report.

2. Information Re Own Troops.

- (a) Location ref NEWCASTLE 709229.
- (b) Training.
 - 1. Work parties arranging new camp.
 - 2. Personnel proceeded on six days leave commencing 19 Jul. 43.
 - 3. Rear party left behind to maintain camp.

Information Re "I" Section.

- 1. Composition. 1 Offr. 1 Sgt. 2 Cpls. 1 L/Cpl.
- 2. Trg & Work. Lt Smith Acting I.O. in Lieut Cook's absence.
- 3. Sgt Walker attending school at Southport. Q.
- 4. L/Cpl. attending school at Seymour. V.
- 5. Routine duties.
- 6. Enlargements camp area and proposed training area.

3. Topography. Nil to hand.

4. Security.
- Information. No rumours evident during this period.
 - Personnel. Contented in new camp nok attempt to spread dissatisfaction.
 - Material. -----
 - Operations. Unauthorized persons kept out of camp area no leakage of information detetcted.
 - Censorship. Continual training in censorship has developed a higher sense of responsibility in troops, there were no breaches during this period.
 - Suspected persons. No such persons known within unit.
 - Morale. a. Internal - Excellent.
b. External. - High.

5. General. Nil report.

W.S.
(C. COOK)
I.O. 20 AUST INF BN.

Lieut.

F.B. Wade
(F.B. WADE)
Comd. 20 Aust Inf Bn.

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20 Aust. Inf. Bn Intelligence Report No. 44.

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Based on information received up to 1200 hrs. 29 July, '43.

1. Information re enemy, -

- (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Equipment - Nil Report.
- (c) Tactics - Nil report.

2. Information re own Troops, -

- (a) Location. ref: aterson 1" - 533555.
- (b) Training;
 - (a) Working Parties arranging new camp.
 - (b) Educational Films.
 - (c) Training Films.
 - (d) Tk/Att.; Sigs; Carriers; Transport on own syllabi.

Information re "I" Section.

- 1. Composition. 1 Offr. 1 Sgt. 2 Cpls. 1 L/Cpl.
- 2. Drg and work. Lieut with Acting I.O. in Lieut Cocks absence.
- 3. Sgt. Walker attending school at Southport, Qld.
- 4. L/Cpl. Rice attending school at Seysour, Vic.
- 5. Routine Duties.
- 6. Establishing "I" Office at Rutherford Camp.

3. Topography. Nil to hand.

4. Security Information. Rumoured that this Unit's stay in Rutherford is camp will be short. Probably due to fact of shifting to Gateshead and then coming practically straight back.

Personnel; slight dissatisfaction at new move, as Rutherford is very unpopular camp with tps. in comparison to location with Gateshead.

Material. Stores and Transport picketed at all times.

Operations. Unauthorised persons kept out of camp area. News of move to Rutherford was widespread. Tps heard about same whilst on leave.

Censorship. No breaches during this period. Kit bag was forwarded from Military Forwarding Officer 21 Pier Street, Sydney plainly addressed, owner's name, 20 Bn. and R.T.O. West Maitland.

Suspected Persons. No such persons within Unit.

Morale. a. Internal - Excellent.
b. External - High.

5. General. Nil Report.

LBH
Lieut.
(R.P. BITH)
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Based on information received up to 1200 hrs. 5 Aug. 43.

1. Information re Enemy:-

- (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Equipment - Nil report.
- (c) Tactics - Nil report.

2. Information re Own Troops:-

- (a) Location - ref. PAPERSON 533555
- (b) Training.
 - Work parties on Jungle Range ref. NEWCASTLE 1 MS sgs. 5431, 5531, 5532.
- (c) Work parties on Jungle and Sniper Ranges. One party receiving instruction in building jungle huts, ropes, rope bridges, etc.
- (d) Troops in camp witnessed screening of Trg. films
 - i. Shoot to Kill
 - ii. Aircraft Recognition
 - iii. American V.D.
- (e) Strong winds and dust have hampered training during this week. Syllabus has been adhered to when possible, and the following subjects have been dealt with:-
 - i. P.T. and Unarmed Combat.
 - ii. Observation training.
 - iii. Recapitulation Individual Fd/craft.

3. Information re 'I' Sec.

- 1. Composition - 1 Offr., 1 Sgt., 2 Cpls., 1 L/Cpl.
- 2. Training and Work - (a) Lieut. Cook at present on six days leave and is expected to return to unit 10 Aug. 43.
 - (b) Lieut. Smith Acting I.O. in absence of Lieut. Cook.
 - (c) Sgt. Walker attending 'I' School at SOUTHPORT, Q.
 - (d) L/Cpl. Rice attending M.R. & F.S. School SEYMOUR, VIC.
 - (e) Routine Duties.

4. Topography. Nil report.

5. Security.

- Information - Nothing further to report regarding the rumour of last week (viz) 'This Unit's stay in RUTHERFORD would be short.'
- Personnel - No evidence of any attempt to spread dissatisfaction
- Material - No loss reported.
- Operations - Unauthorised persons not allowed in Camp block.
- Censorship - Minor breaches attended to.
- Suspected persons - No such persons within unit.
- Morale - (a) Internal - High.
(b) External - High.

6. General:-

C.O. undergoing operation at 113 AGH and is not expected to rejoin unit for several weeks.

W.P. Smith
(W.P. SMITH) Lieut.
A/I.O. 20 Aust. Inf. Bn.

E.J. Cooper
(E.J. COOPER) Maj.,
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12 Aug 43.

20 Aust Inf Bn Intelligence Report NO 46.

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 12 Aug 43.

1. Information re Enemy.

- a. Troops ; Nil on immediate front
- b. Equipment ; Nil report
- c. Tactics ; Nil report.

2. Information re Own Troops.

- a. Location ; ref PATERSON 533555
- b. Training
 - 1 PT & Unarmed combat
 - 11 Route Marches
 - 111 Training on Jungle Range
 - VV 4 offrs 46 OR's detached for wharf duties from 7 Aug 43.
 - V All available personnel participated in 2 pdr Tk/A shoot at Singleton 11 Aug 43.
 - V1 11 offrs completed Bde school 8 Aug 43.

Information re "I" Sec.

1. Composition 1 Off 1 Sjt 2 Cpls 1 L/Cpl.
2. Trg and Work.
 - a. Lt Cook resumed duties with unit on 10 Aug 43
 - b. Sjt Walker attending "I" school at SOUTHPORT
 - c. L/Cpl returned to unit.
 - d. Routine duties.
 - e. Sec participating in unit trg where possible.

3. Topography Nil report.

4. Security.
 - a. Information. Troops had no knowledge of being detached for duty on wharves until told at 0400 hrs on morning of move.
 - b. Personnel. No evidence of any atempt to spread dissatisfaction noticed.
 - c. Material. Pigets on all stores and materials.
 - d. Operation. Unauthorised persons not allowed within Camp area.
 - e. Censorship. Prior breaches being dealt with.
 - f. Suspected persons. No such persons at present with unit.
 - g. Morale. Internal. - High. Troops were very pleased to get the opportunity to work on wharf. Those left behind were very dissappointed.

External - High.

5. General. Maj E.J. Cooper appointed security Officer. Notified in Bn R.O. Serial No 21, No 175 on 6 Aug 43.

J.H. Taggart
Lieut
(C.OOK)
I.O. 20 Aust Inf Bn

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E.J. Cooper Major
(E.J. COOPER)
Admn. Comd 20 Aust Inf Bn.

19 August 1943

SUBJECT :- INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 47

28 AUST / INF / BDE

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 19 Aug. 43.

(1) INFORMATION RE ENEMY.

- (A) Troops on immediate front :- Nil
- (B) Equipment :- Nil to report
- (C) Tactics :- Nil report.

(2) INFORMATION RE OWN TROOPS.

- (A) Location :- Ref. PATERSON 533555
- (B) Training :-
 - (1) Number of personnel still engaged on wharf duties.
 - (2) Training on Jungle Range SEAHAM.
 - (3) Officers on Jungle Trg, trail marking, deduction, snap classification course.
 - (4) Camp Duties
 - (5) Remainder personnel on 3 days hardening exercises.

(3) INFORMATION RE "I" SECTION.

- (1) Composition :- 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls, 1 L/Cpl.
- (2) Trg & Work :-
 - (A) "I" Section made a 2 day recce of PATERSON & SINGLETON areas checking roads & classifications & adding additional information.
 - (B) Sgt. Walker attending "I" school at SOUTHPORT.
 - (C) "I" Section trg SEAHAM Jungle Range.
 - (D) Routine Duties.

(4) TOPOGRAPHY

- (A) Overlays of PATERSON & SINGLETON areas will be submitted with additional detail to 28 Aust Inf Bde on 22 Aug. 43.

(5) SECURITY

- (A) Information. *NIL*
- (B) Personnel :- No evidence of any attempt to spread dissatisfaction noticed.
- (C) Material. *PIQUETS ON ALL STORES & MATERIAL*
- (D) Operation :- Unauthorised persons not allowed within camp area.
- (E) Censorship :- No breaches reported.
- (F) Suspected persons :- No such persons within the Unit.
- (G) Morale :- (A) Internal - High.
(B) External - High.

(6) GENERAL.

- (A) Major Cooper left on Seasonal Leave, his place as acting C.O. being taken by Major Mc Donald of 28 Aust/Inf/Bde.

Wm. Puckeridge b/r
Jot. Lieut.

(C. Cook)
I.O. 20 Aust / Inf / Bn.

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HQ. 20 AUST INF BN.
AUSTRALIA.
27 Aug. 43.

Subject:- INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 48.

28 AUST INF BDE.

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 26 Aug. 43.

1. Information re enemy.
 - (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
 - (b) Equipment.- Nil report.
 - (c) Tactics. - Nil report.

2. Information re Own Troops.
 - (a) Location - (i) (HQ) "A" Block RUTHERFORD Camp ref PATTERSON 533555.
(ii) Posting of officers as submitted.
 - (b) Training. (i) Hardening Exercises (timber cutting, road building, rope climbing, trail cutting etc.)
(ii) Jungle training. at SEAHAM vicinity ref NEWCASTLE 558332.
involving. (a) Snapshooting.
(b) Obstacle course.
(c) Sneaker course.
(d) living off the land.
(iii) 4 offrs 59 O/Rs still engaged on wharf duties.
(iv) Lecture, Trg Films.
(v) Weapon Trg.

3. Information re "I" Section.
 - (a) Composition. 1 offr., 1 sgt., 2 cpls., 1 L/cpl.
 - (b) Trg & Work. (i) Sgt Walker returned from LHQ School of M.I. 20 Aug. 43.
(ii) Routine Duties.
(iii) Sterioscope and air photo study.
(iv) Completion of road classification in area allotted.
(v) Enlargement Jungle Range area.
(vi) Participation where practicable in trg as in para 2 sub-para b.


4. Topography.

Overlays of road classifications forwarded to 28 Bde 21 Aug. 43.

5. Security.
 - (a) Information. - No rumours evidenced, but speculation prevalent as to future ops of this Bde Gp.
 - (b) Personnel. - No evidence of attempts to spread dissatisfaction noticed.
 - (c) Material. - Owing to shortage of personnel in camp, some materials have been withdrawn to Bn Store for safekeeping and unit transport Brigaded.
 - (d) Operations. - Unauthorised persons not allowed within unit camp block and vicinity SEAHAM Jungle Range.
 - (e) Censorship. - No breaches during this period. LHQ Field Censorship Instr No. 4 proving of value to franking officers.
 - (f) Suspected persons. - No such persons within unit.
 - (g) Morale. (i) Internal, High - Recreation room and sporting facilities creating much interest.
(ii) External - High.

6. General. Bearing in mind the importance of photo reading and stereoscopic study in "I" trg it would be appreciated if stereo pairs of photos could be supplied to this unit for study.

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HQ. 20 AUST INF BN.
AUSTRALIA.
3 Sept. 43.

Subject:- INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 49.

28 AUST INF BDE.

1. Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 2 Sept. 43.
1. Information re Enemy.
 - (a) Troops. Nil on immediate front.
 - (b) Equipment. Nil report.
 - (c) Tactics. Nil report.
2. Information re Own Troops.
 - (a) Location. (i) HQ established ref NEWCASTLE 564329 (vicinity SEAHAM COLL. NO.3)
(ii) Posting of officers as submitted.
 - (b) Training. (i) Hardening exercise - (timber cutting, road building, train cutting, hand hardening etc).
(ii) P.T. and route marches.
(iii) Training films and education lectures.
(iv) Adm and camp maintenance in preparation for move to SEAHAM Jungle Range biv area.
(v) Move to biv area and commencement of camp establishment
(vi) 50 personnel still engaged on wharf duties.
(vii) Attendance at Gala Sports afternoon EAST WAITLAND for sporting finals.
3. Information re I Section.
 - (a) Composition. 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls, 1 L/Cpl.
Lieut Cook transferred to 1 Aust Div 30/8/43.
 - (b) Trg and Work. (i). Routine duties.
(ii) Sterioscope and air photo study.
(iii) Preparation for move to biv area and establishment of I Office ~~HOUSE~~.
(iv) Maps of layout and signs for biv area.
(v) Participation where practicable in training as in para 2 sub-para (b).
4. Topography. Nil to hand this period.
5. Security.
 - (a) Information. No runouts evidenced this period.
 - (b) Personnel. No evidence of attempts to spread dissatisfaction noticed.
 - (c) Material. Small party left at RUTHERFORD for stocktaking, security of material and maintenance of camp. Jungle camp materials well picquetted.
 - (d) Operations. Unauthorised persons debarred from biv area and Jungle Range.
 - (e) Censorship. No breaches during this period and minimum breaches of late would indicate security being practiced within this unit.
 - (f) Suspected persons. No such persons at present within unit.
 - (g) Morale. i. Internal. High - troops well satisfied with new biv area.
ii. External. High.

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P. H. Walker Sgt.
(P.H. WALKER)
for I.O. 20 AUST INF BN.

Lt-Col.
(F.B. WADE)
Comd. 20 AUST INF BN.

HQ. 20 AUST INF BN.
AUSTRALIA.
10 SEPT. 43.

Subject:- INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 50.

28 AUST INF BDE.

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 9 Sept. 43.

1. Information re enemy.
 - (a) Troops - Nil, on immediate front.
 - (b) Equipment. - Nil report.
 - (c) Tactics. - Nil report.

2. Information re own troops.
 - (a) Location.
 - i. As established ref NEWCASTLE 564329 (Vicinity SEAHAM COLL. No.3).
 - ii. Posting of officers as submitted.
 - (b) Training.
 - i. Construction of Jungle Camp.
 - ii. Instruction in use of local materials for building purposes and methods of obtaining food and water when living off the land.
 - iii. a. Range practice "KILLING-SWORTH", classification, rapid and snap.
 - b. Personnel instructed in firing from hip with LMG, SMG & rifle.
 - IV Route marches - trail blazing, maintenance of direction.
 - V talks were given by senior officers on.
 - a. Purpose and necessity of jungle training.
 - b. How to keep healthy and fighting fit in tropical climate.

NOTE. Both talks were very instructive and well received by troops.

3. Information re "I" Section.
 - a. Composition. 1 sgt, 2 cpls, 1 l/cpl.
 - b. Trg and Work. All members of section participating in training as in para 2 sub-para ii.

4. Topography. Nil to hand.

5. Security.
 - a. Information. Rumoured that all specialists will be drafted from this Bn shortly.
 - b. Personnel. No attempt to spread dissatisfaction.
 - c. Material. Small party remaining at Rutherford Camp.
 - d. Operations. Unauthorised persons debarred from biv area and Jungle Range.
 - e. Censorship. No breaches during this period.
 - f. Suspected persons. No such person within unit.
 - g. Morale.
 - i. Internal High. It is felt that the troops find present training instructive and real and although hard and strenuous has done much to build morale.
 - ii. External. High.

6. General. Nil report.

P.H. Walker
(P.H. WALKER)

Sgt.

Officer I.C. 20 AUST INF BN.

F.B. Wade
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INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 51.

HQ. 20 AUST INF BN.
AUSTRALIA.
17 Sept. 43.

28 AUST INF BDE.

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 16 Sept. 43.

1. Information re enemy.

- (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Equipment. - Nil report.
- (c) Tactics. - Nil report.

2. Information re own troops.

- (a) Location (i) Fwd HQ ref NEWCASTLE 564329 (vic SEAHAM COLL NO. 3)
Rear HQ "A" Block RUTHERFORD CAMP (minimum maintenance staff only).

(ii) Posting of officers as submitted.

- (b) Training. To enable all personnel of all ranks to be trained for jungle warfare three groups have been formed and each group will complete each phase of the trg in turn as follows :-

- Phase 1. (i) Basic principles Jungle Craft. (native foods, bush cooking, fire making, rope-making, hut building etc.)
(ii) Physical trg. (Route marches, bayonet assault, courses, trail marking and blazing in mountainous jungle country etc).
(iii) Extensive range practice with all inf section weapons, firing and throwing from all positions.
(iv) Booby traps, obstacle scaling, tree climbing etc.

- Phase 2. ~~(i)~~ Jungle range practice involving :-
(i) Hip firing range.
(ii) Snap firing range.
(iii) Field firing range.
(iv) Two jungle courses designed to test the individual soldier's reactions and initiative and fieldcraft in unexpected situations.
(v) Obstacle course involving mountain climbing and cliff scaling with aid of improvised ladders.
(vi) Crossing of water obstacles by means of flying foxes, wires, improvised bridges and vessels built from bush materials. All crossings subject to representations of enemy fire.
(vii) Sneaker course - infiltration of enemy held position by crawling through re-entrant in mud and water.
(viii) Deduction course. To test the power of observation and ability to arrive at logical conclusions from such observation.

- Phase 3. (i) Construction of jungle camp from bush materials.
(ii) Camp administration and maintenance.

- Night lectures have been given during this period on:-
(i) Tropical Hygiene.
(ii) The section cmd and his job. Both proving very instructive and popular.

Approx 50 personnel still engaged on wharf duties.

3. Information re "I" Section.

- (a) Composition. 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls. 1 L/Cpl.
- (b) Trg and work. All members have participated in training as in ~~phase~~ phase 2 above during this period.
Routine duties and reports.

4. Topography.

Nil to hand - due to short staff and other trng.

5. Security.

- (a) Information. Nothing other than speculations as to future ops of this unit, noticed.
- (b) Personnel. No attempt to spread dissatisfaction.
- (c) Material. Most stored at RUTHERFORD CAMP. Jungle camp area well picqueted.
- (d) Operations. Unauthorised persons debarred from Jungle Range area and camp site.
- (e) Sensorship. No breaches to hand during this period.
- (f) Suspected persons. Nil report.
- (g) Morale. (i) Internal - High. The realistic and hard physical training is having the desired effect, troops appearing most satisfied.
(ii) External - High.

6. General.

- (a) This unit and the Jungle Range area visited by the G.O.C. Comd 1 Aust Div, ^{Major} Sir Ivan Mackay on 13 Sept. 43.
- (b) Regarding the lighting of fires by means of friction with sticks it has been found in this regard that fires can be started much quicker by means of a small quantity of cordite from ball amn placed in the drill recess and also among the tinder. The fire is thus transmitted within a few seconds of friction having been started and saves the long process of creating a flame by much hard work and blowing.

J.R. Jago
Sgt.
(P.H. WALKER.)
for I.O. 20 AUST INF BN.

F.B. Wade
Lt-Col.
(F.B. WADE)
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HQ. 20 AUST INF BN.
AUSTRALIA.
24 Sept. 43.

Subject:- INTELLIGENCE REPORT. NO. 52.

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 23 Sept. 43.

1. Information re enemy.
 - (a) Troops. Nil on immediate front.
 - (b) Equipment. Nil report.
 - (c) Tactics. Nil report.
2. Information re own troops.
 - (a) Location.
 1. Fwd HQ ref NEWCASTLE 564329
 - Rear HQ A Block RUTHERFORD CAMP
(maintenance staff only)
 11. Posting of officers as submitted.
 - (b) Training.
 1. Group 1 completed phase 2 (see Intell report No. 51) of jungle training which culminated on field firing range. Troops had the opportunity to apply lessons learnt in all phases of previous weeks training under battle conditions. Exercise was repeated three times to give all personnel fullest appreciation of lessons to be learnt especially in control of Sec and the passing back of information.
 11. Group 2 completed phase 1 of jungle training which included.
 - (1) Basic principles of jungle craft, hut building, native foods etc.
 - (11) Physical training - route marches, bayonet assault course etc.
 - (111) Range practices with all inf section weapons.
 - (1V) Booby traps, scaling obstacles, tree climbing etc.
 - (V) Bn at present engaged in building jungle village.
3. Information re "I" Section.
 - (a) Composition. 1 Sgt, 2 cpls, 1 L/cpl.
 - (b) Trg & Work. All members participating in trg as in phase 2 at present assisting in building of jungle village.
Routine duties and reports.
4. Topography. Nil to hand.
5. Security.
 - (a) Information. Absence of rumours during past week.
 - (b) Personnel. No attempt to spread dissatisfaction.
 - (c) Material. Bulk of stores at Rutherford Camp under care of security personnel.
 - (d) Operations. Unauthorized persons not allowed in camp area.
 - (e) Censorship. No breaches to hand during this period.
 - (f) Suspected persons. No such person at present within unit.
 - (g) Morale.
 1. Internal. Excellent. Troops well satisfied with present camp site and show considerable interest in present type of work. Facilities for messing, showers, latrines etc are in the considered opinion of the rank and file, excellent. Preliminary arrangements have been made for troops to participate in summer sports.
 11. External. High.
6. General. Camp fire precautions were tested this week when a fire occurred in the mens showers. Fire was soon under control and very little damage was done.

Wm. Puckridge Lt.
For (P.H. WALKER)
for I.O. 20 AUST INF BN.

J. Wade Lt-Col.
(P.B. WADE)
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HQ 20 AUST INF BN
AUSTRALIA.
1 OCT.43.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 53.

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 30 Sept.43.

1. Information re enemy. (a) Troops. Nil on immediate front.
(b) Equipment. Nil report.
(c) Tactics. Nil report.
2. Information re own troops. (a) Location. Fwd HQ ref NEWCASTLE 564329.
Rear HQ "A" Block RUTHERFORD. CAMP. (maintenance sta only).
(b) 1 Group still detached to Second Aust Army Loading Details.
(c) Posting of officers as submitted.

Training. Group 1 employed on Camp Administration. Group 11 completing Phase D of jungle training viz Jungle Courses. Group 111 under instruction in fieldcraft weapon training and classification range interpretation for Phase D of jungle training.

3. Information re "I" Section. (a) Composition. 1 Officer, 1 sgt, 2 cpls, 1 l/cpl.
(b) Trg and work. All members of "I" Sec proceeded on a practical exercise at 0900 hrs 27 Sept. 43 and will be returning 1800 hrs 1 Oct 43, the object being to train "I" personnel in the following laid down necessities in "I" work.
(a) Practical map reading entailing making best use of map entraversing mountainous country.
(b) Field sketching under difficult conditions.
(c) Use of instruments - resection, intersection, compass etc.
(d) Partial living off resources of country.
(e) Physical fitness.

Proposed route was as follows :-

- Day 1. Biv area to BRUNKERVILLE - report at night to P.O. ref GESSNOCK 490272.
- Day 2. BRUNKERVILLE to MARTINSVILLE - report at night to P.O. ref MORRISSET 420137.
- Day 3. MARTINSVILLE to MT WARRAWALONG - night on mountain.
- Day 4. Spent on mountain, study of topography of surrounding country, field sketches etc.
Only a minimum of clothing, equipment and rations were taken. One blanket and ground-sheet, rations for 4 days and two days emergency rations.

4. Topography. Nil to hand.
5. Security. (a) Information. Absence of rumours during this week.
(b) Personnel. No attempt to spread dissatisfaction.
(c) Material. Bulk of stores at RUTHERFORD. CAMP under care of security personnel.
(d) Operations. Unauthorized persons not allowed in camp area.
(e) Censorship. No breaches to hand during this period.
(f) Suspected persons. No such person present with unit.
(g) Morale. Internal. Excellent. Troops have built volley ball courts and practice cricket pitch adjacent to camp area and are well satisfied with present site.
Camp Concert was held in YMCA Tent on Monday night 27 Sept. 43 for troops in area and was well received.
External. High.
6. General. Dehydrated Rations were served for all ranks for three meals on Wednesday 29 Sept. 43. Ingenuity in the preparation of same was shown by AACC personnel attached to this unit and the rations were well received.

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(W.P. SMITH)
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(F.B. WADE) Comd.
20 AUST INF BN.

H. Q. 20 Aust Inf Bn,
AUSTRALIA.
8 Oct., 43.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 54.

C. O. Cook

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs. 7 Oct., '43.

1. Information re enemy:-
 - (a) Troops, NIL on immediate front.
 - (b) Equipment, NIL report.
 - (c) Tactics, NIL report.

2. Information re own troops:-
 - (a) Location, F'wd HQ, ref. NEWCASTLE 5Q, 329. Rear HQ, A Block, RUTHERFORD Camp, (Maintenance Staff only).
 - (b) 1 Group still detached to Second Aust Army Loading Detail.
 - (c) Posting of Officers as submitted.
 - (d) Training - No. 1 Group attending to Camp Maintenance and construction of Jungle Village. No. 2 Group completed training on Jungle Range. No. 3 Group are being instructed in Jungle Craft, Phase I. No. 2 Group at present engaged in construction of Jungle Village.

Information re 'I' Section:-

- (a) Composition, 1 Offr. 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls, 1 L/Cpl. Lieut. Cook returned to Unit from Thornleigh Tactical School, 27 Sept., where he had been acting as Instructor.
- (b) Training and work. All members completed a five day trek (see Intelligence Report No. 53) which proved very instructive, and many lessons were learnt on practical Map Reading, such as,
 - (i) Pin Pointing position without use of artificial features.
 - (ii) Methods of moving across Country with least physical strain.
 - (iii) Rice was found to be one of the best foods available for such a trek, easy to carry, and has a high food value.
 - (iiii) Owing to bad weather conditions encountered, opportunities occurred to test lesson learnt during Jungle Training on Bush Craft.

3. Topography: NIL to hand.

4. Security:
 - (a) Information. Rumours prevalent as to future operations of this Unit; these rumours are conflicting.
 - (b) Personnel. No attempt to spread dissatisfaction.
 - (c) Material. Bulk of Stores at Rutherford Camp under care of Security Personnel.
 - (d) Operations. Unauthorised persons not allowed in Camp Area.
 - (e) Censorship. No breaches during this period.
 - (f) Suspected Persons. No such person known in Unit.
 - (g) Morale. Internal excellent. Interest has been maintained in training and troops are well satisfied with present facilities.
External high.

5. General: Experiments were carried out on lines set down in A.T.M. No. 22 on Swamp Walking. This method proved to be successful with practice. Skis were made from vines, leaf, and other vegetation, found in vicinity of crossing.

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H.Q. 20 Aust Inf Bn,
AUSTRALIA.
14 Oct, 43.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 55.

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs. 14 Oct, 43.

1. INFORMATION RE: ENEMY - (A) Troops, NIL on immediate front.
(B) Equipment, NIL report.
(C) Tactics, NIL report.
2. INFORMATION RE: OWN TROOPS:
 - (a) Location (i) Fwd Hqs ref. NEWCASTLE 564329, rear Hqs, A Block, RUTHERFORD Camp (Maintenance Staff only).
(ii) Posting of Officers as submitted.
(iii) 1 Grp. still detached to Second Aust Army Loading Details.
 - (b) Training: Groups 1 and 2 carrying on the Camp Administration, Maintenance etc, and all available personnel are engaged in building a jungle camp. Group 3 completing instruction on basic principles of jungle craft, and camping out hardening exercises. They are now engaged on the various courses on the jungle range. Two sections of Officers are also included in this group.

INFORMATION RE: 'I' SECTION:

- (a) Composition, (1) Officer, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls, 1 B/Cpl.
- (b) Training & Work, Routine duties and building jungle camp.
- (c) Sgt. Walker was admitted to Hospital.

TOPOGRAPHY: NIL to hand.

- SECURITY: (A) Information. Rumours were not so prevalent as during the last week.
- (B) Personnel. No attempt to spread dissatisfaction noticed.
 - (C) Material. Bulk of Stores at RUTHERFORD being picketed.
 - (D) Operations. Unauthorised persons not allowed in Camp area.
 - (E) Censorship. No breaches reported during this period.
 - (F) Suspected persons) No such person known in Unit.
 - (G) Morale. Internal, Excellent. External, High.

- GENERAL: (a) An extensive inspection of the Camp area and Jungle Camp under construction was made by the Bde. Comd.
- (b) It is proposed to replace 16 wharf duty personnel, by other personnel, who have completed their training.
 - (c) On Sports afternoons, practice Cricket Matches have been played by the two teams entered for the Bde. Competition. The tennis players have also had practice in preparation for the grading of the teams, whilst other personnel have shown a keen interest in Volley Ball and Deck Tennis games.

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HQ 20 AUST INF BN
AUSTRALIA
22 Oct.43

SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 56.

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 21 Oct.43.

1. INFORMATION RE ENEMY. (a) Troops - Nil on immd. front.
(b) Equipment - Nil report.
(c) Tactics - Nil Report.
2. INFORMATION RE OWN TROOPS.
 - (a) Location. (i) Fwd HQ ref NEWCASTLE 564329
Rear HQ A Block RUTHERFORD CAMP (maintenance staff only)
Group still detached to Second Aust Army Loading Details.
 - (ii) Posting of Officers - as submitted.
 - (b) Training.
 - (i) 16 O/Rs dtached to 2 Aust Army Loading Detail and similar number returned to undergo jungle training.
 - (ii) Offrs engaged on special syllabus involving Section and Weapon Training.
 - (iii) All available O/Rs engaged on hardening preparation prior to further Jungle Trg.
This preparation includes:
 - a. Recapitulation weapon trg.
 - b. Range Practises-all small arms.
 - c. Forced marching with individual cooking.
 - (iv) Camp Admn and Maintenance.
 - (v) Two night exercises.
 - a. Compass march consisting of 5 legs over 3 miles of mountainous timbered country.
 - b. Tank hunting with troops in defence and attack.
 - (vi) 1 Offr, 2 N.C.Os proceeded to 1 Aust. Div. Rec. Camp for draft conducting duties.

3. INFORMATION RE 'I' SECTION.

- (a) Composition: 1 Offr., 1 Sgt., 2 Cpls., 1 L/Cpl. Sgt. Walker. P.H. returned to Unit ex 107 CCS. Lieut. Cook attending LHQ School of M.I. Old.
- (b) Trg & Work:
 - (i) Recce for Mortar and Tk. A. range.
 - (ii) Preparation of 'I' trg.
 - (iii) Routine duties and trg as per para (2) Sub para (b) above where practicable.

4. TOPOGRAPHY: Nil to hand.

5. SECURITY:

- (a) Information: Conflicting rumours and speculation as to drafts of personnel and future operations.
- (b) Personnel: No attempts to spread dissatisfaction evidenced.
- (c) Material: Bulk of stores at RUTHERFORD camp under guard of security personnel there.
- (d) Operations: Need for security of operations apparently practiced by personnel. No unauthorised personnel allowed in camp vicinity.
- (e) Censorship: No breaches this period, there being a marked decline in this type of offence in recent months.
- (f) Suspected persons: Nil.
- (g) Morale: (i) Internal- High- recreation and sporting material proving beneficial (ii) External- High.

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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA
29 Oct.43.

SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO.576

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 28 Oct.43.

1. INFORMATION RE ENEMY. (a) Troops - nil on immediate front.
(b) Equipment - nil report.
(c) Tactics - Nil report.
2. INFORMATION RE OWN TROOPS.
 - (a) Location. (i) Fwd HQ ref NEWCASTLE 564329 (vicinity Jungle Range)
Rear HQ A Block RUTHERFORD CAMP (maintenance staff only)
Group still detached to Second Aust Army Loading Detail.
(ii) Posting of Officers - as submitted.
 - (b) Training. (i) Jungle Craft & hardening training.
(ii) Road repair in vicinity of camp.
(iii) Camp Administration and Maintenance.
(iv) On 27 Oct.43, 3 offrs and average of 60 ORs commenced the de-wiring of beaches between "THE BLACKSMITH" ref Lake Macquarie 673107 and REDHEAD ref 741192.
(v) Offrs squadduring this period have been engaged on:
 - a. Booby Traps, demolitions, Jap mines.
 - b. Appreciations & Orders.
 - c. Battle Drill.
 - d. Instruction and range practice with small arms, .55 Tk/A rifle, 3" mortar, 2 pdr. Tk/A gun2 night exercises have been held during this period namely directional and compass marches, both proving instructive and popular.
3. INFORMATION RE "I" SECTION.
 - (a) Composition. 1 offr, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls, 1 L/Cpl. Lieut. Cook C. attending L.H.Q. School of M.I. Queensland.
 - (b) Training & Work:
 - (i) Routine duties & training as per para 2 sub para (ii) where practicable.
 - (ii) Preparation of "I" Training.
 - (iii) Preparation of compass march.
 - (iv) Recce of beach wiring in allocated area.
 - (v) Enlargement s of area showing location of wire.
 - (vi) De-wiring duties when available.
4. TOPOGRAPHY.

Enlargement of de-wiring area submitted to 28 Bde 28/10/43.
5. SECURITY.
 - (a) Information. - No rumours current since de-wiring task began.
 - (b) Personnel. - No evidence of attempts to spread dissatisfaction.
 - (c) Materials: Bulk of stores at RUTHERFORD CAMP under guard of security personnel there.
 - (d) Operations: Security of operations practiced where possible. It is not possible to prevent civilian approach to public beaches where tps are at present engaged. No unauthorised personnel allowed in camp vicinity.

Para 5 SECURITY continued.

- (e) Censorship: No apparent breaches during this period.
- (f) Suspected persons: Nil
- (g) Morale: (i) Internal - high.
(ii) External - high.

Dances in WEST WALLSEND on leave nights proving very popular, no friction with civilian population being apparent.

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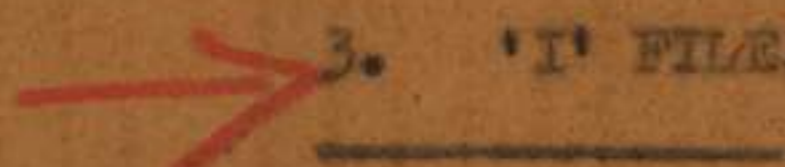
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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA
5 Nov.43.

SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 58

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 4 Nov.43.

1. INFORMATION RE ENEMY.
 - (a) Troops - Nil on imm. front.
 - (b) Equipment - Nil report.
 - (c) Tactics - Nil report.

2. INFORMATION RE OWN TROOPS.
 - (a) Location:
 - i. Pwd NO ref NEWCASTLE 564329 (vicinity Seaham Colliery No.2)
Rear NO, A block RUTHERFORD CAMP (maintenance staff only)
Group still detached to Second Aust Army Loading Detail.
 - ii. Posting of officers as submitted.
 - (b) Training:
 - i. Group of approx. 50 still engaged wharf duties.
 - ii. All available ORs- average 50-60 daily- engaged on de-wiring beaches, between ~~███~~ BLACKSMITH & REDHEAD.
All wire removed from abovementioned points up to 1600hrs 4 Nov.43. - Phase 1 is now completed and a start on Phase 2 is anticipated on 5 Nov.43. in the vicinity of ANDERSON POINT Lake Macquarie
 - iii. All other ORs engaged on camp maintenance and administration.
 - iv. Offrs squad during this period have undergone training and lectures on:-
 - (a) Battle Drill.
 - (b) M.T. driving & maintenance.
 - (c) M.M.G. Training.
 - (d) Pistol Tng.
 - (e) A/C Recognition.A feature of the tng during this period has been the enthusiasm shown by tps in the formation of discussion gps as sponsored by AES. Groups have been organised and the first discussion is scheduled for Monday night 8 Nov.43.

3. INFORMATION RE "I" SECTION.
 - (a) Composition: 1 offr, 1 sgt, 2 cpls, 1 l/cpl. Lieut. Cook C. still attending LNO School of N.I. Queensland.
 - (b) Training & Work:
 - (i) Beach de-wiring.
 - (ii) Routine reports and duties.
 - (iii) Wire recess.

4. TOPOGRAPHY.

Nil to hand this period.
4 enlargement of area supplied to bde may be amended to show that Phase 1 includes Serial 1 & 2 only.

5. SECURITY.
 - (a) Information. No rumours evident during this period.
 - (b) Personnel. No evidence of attempts to spread dissatisfaction.
 - (c) Materials. Bulk of stores at RUTHERFORD camp under guard of security personnel there.
 - (d) Operations. Security of operations practised at Jungle Range and RUTHERFORD Camp but civilians have access to public beaches where troops have been engaged on de-wiring.
 - (e) Censorship. No apparent breaches during this period.
 - (f) Suspected Persons. Nil report.
 - (g) Morale. (i) Internal. - High. The cessation of sports afternoon naturally affected this as practically all troops had been actively engaged in one sport or another and had great interest therein.

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Para 5 Continued. SECURITY.

(g) Contd. (11) External. - Very high. Popularity of the local dances continued to create large attendance of soldiers and civilians and no friction is apparent.

6. GENERAL.

Nil.

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20 Aust. Inf. Bn.
AUSTRALIA.
12 Nov, 43.

Subject:- INTELLIGENCE REPORT No. 59.

Based on Information received up to 1200 hrs 11 November, 43.

1. INFORMATION RE ENEMY.

- (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Equipment - Nil Report.
- (c) Tactics - Nil Report.

2. INFORMATION Re OWN TROOPS.

- (a) Location. i. Fwd HQ ref NEWCASTLE 564329 (Vicinity Seaham Colliery No. 2.
Rear HQ A Block RUTHERFORD CAMP (Maintenance Staff only.
ii. Posting of Officers as submitted.

- (b) TRAINING. i. Group approx 50 still detached to Second Aust Army Loading Details/.
ii. 3 Officers 9 O/Rs at 28 Aust Inf Bde Jungle Range SEAHAM as instrs.
iii. 2 Officers engaged on draft conducting duties.
iv. Average of 55 personnel engaged this whole period in dewiring beaches between THE BLACKSMITH & BAYHEAD.
Serial 1 to 4 completed - portion serial 5 to 8.
v. All other O/Rs engaged in camp maintenance and admn.
vi. Offrs squad during this period have undergone :-
 - 1. Sig. Trg
 - 2. M.E.G. Trg
 - 3. Mortar "
 - 4. A/C Recognition
 - 5. Battle procedure
 - 6. Battle Drill
- vii. Training has been carried out 2 nights this period.

1. Discussion Groups. These have become popular with all ranks most of whom have shown a desire to continue now that the educational value has been evidenced.

2. F.S. personnel made an inspection of Unit and gave night lectures to offrs and later O/Rs.

3. INFORMATION RE "I" SECTION.

- (a) Composition :- 1 Officer, 1 Sgt. 2 Cpls, 1 L/Cpl
Lieut Cook, C attending LHQ School of MI, Old.
- (b) Trg & Work.
 - 1. Routine reports and duties.
 - 2. Camp adm and maintenance.
 - 3. Wire plans, recces etc.

4. TOPOGRAPHY.

Nil to hand this period.

5. SECURITY.

- Information.
- (a) No evidence of rumours to hand this period.
- (b) Personnel. No evidence of attempts to spread dissatisfactio
- (c) Materials. Bulk of stores at Rutherford Camp under guard of security personnel there. Pacquet on all M.T. in jungle range area. All other materials under cor supervision.
- (d) Operations. Security of operations strictly enforced at Jung Range. Only civilian allowed in area are those engaged workin at pi t head.
- (e) censorship. Again no apparent breaches
- (f) Suspected Persons . Nil report.
- (g). Morale. 1. Internal - High. - This was confirmed by F.S. personnel who visited during this period.
2. External Very High.

6. GENERAL REPORT.

Nil Report.

P. Walker Lt for
Lieut.
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20 Aust. Inf. Bn
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20 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA
19 Nov, 43.

SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 60.

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 18 Nov. 43.

1. INFORMATION RE ENEMY.

- (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Equipment - Nil report.
- (c) Tactics - Nil report.

2. INFORMATION RE OWN TROOPS.

- (a) Location. - i. Fwd Hq ref NEWCASTLE 564329 (vicinity SEAHAM Colliery No. 3.)
Rear Hq A Block RUTHERFORD Camp. (maintenance staff only)
- ii. Posting of Officers as submitted.
- (b) Training. - i. 50 personnel detached Second Aust Army Loading Details.
ii. 12 personnel detached 28 Aust Inf Bde Jungle School as instructors.
iii. 2 Offrs engaged draft conducting.
iv. Average of 50 personnel have been engaged in de-wiring in area allotted. Serials 1 to 5 completed. Serial 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ days work remaining.
v. Balance of personnel - camp admn., maintenance and road repair.
vi. All available officers have been engaged on de-wiring. 2 night lectures to officers, namely: 1. R/T Code
2. Time Zone System.
vii. A map of SWPA is being kept up to date from information in Daily News Bulletins.
viii. O/Rs night training. - a. Discussion Groups - very popular with most personnel.
b. Lecture on Tropical Diseases by Hygiene Sgt.

3. INFORMATION RE "I" SECTION.

- (a) Composition. - 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls, 1 L/Cpl. Lieut. Cook. 6. attending L.H.Q. School of M.I. Q'land.
- (b) Training & Work. i. Routine reports and duties.
ii. Camp admn and maintenance.
iii. Wire Recess and enlargements etc.

4. TOPOGRAPHY. - Nil to hand this period.

5. SECURITY.

- (a) Information. - No rumours to hand but a little speculation re future moves - suggested destinations - GAN GAN and RUTHERFORD.
- (b) Personnel. - No evident attempts to spread dissatisfaction.
- (c) Materials. - Bulk of stores at RUTHERFORD Camp under guard of security personnel there. Picquet on M.T. in Jungle Camp - all other stores under continuous supervision.
- (d) Operations. - Security of operations strictly enforced at Jungle Camp Area. Only exceptions are civilians working at Pit Head.
- (e) Censorship. - Absence of breaches continues.
- (f) Morale. - i. Internal - High
ii. External - Very High - A dance committee representing 20 Bn and 34 Bn has been formed to control future dances in WEST WALLSEND.

6. GENERAL. Nil Report.

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HQ. 20 AUST INF BN.
AUSTRALIA.
26 Nov. 43.

Subject. INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 61.

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 25 Nov. 43.

1. Information re enemy.

- (a) Troops. - Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Equipment - Nil report.
- (c) Tactics. - Nil report.

2. Information re own troops.

- (a) Location. - (i) Fwd Hq ref NEWCASTLE 564329 (vic SEAHAM COLLIERY NO. 3.)
Rear Hq A Block RUTHERFORD CAMP (Maintenance staff only).
(ii) Posting of officers as submitted.
- (b) Training. - (i) Approx 50 personnel still detached for wharf duties with Second Aust Army Ship Loading Details. 4 additional personnel detached during this period.
(ii) 12 personnel instructing 28 Aust Inf Bde Jungle School.
(iii) Average 50-55 personnel have been engaged in de-wiring and to date phases 1 and 2 have been completed. It is anticipated that 20 Bn personnel will be used at STOCKTON to help complete 34 Bn's task before proceeding with Phase 3.
(iv) Balance of personnel engaged on camp maintenance, administration and construction of camp huts etc.
(v) Night training has been carried out 2 nights this period, consisting of
(a) Discussion groups.
(b) Training films - No facilities available for showing films in camp, personnel were taken to WEST WALLSEND where instructive films showing camouflage, booby traps, bush fire.
(vi) A recreation hut has been established where maps of all fighting fronts are to be kept up to date from daily news bulletins and newspapers. The hut also serves hobbies, letter writing, study and library and from observations the hut will be well patronised.
(vii) A night lecture to officers was delivered by R.M.O. on "Drugs and their uses".

3. Information re "I" Section.

- (a) Composition. - 1 Offr, 1 sgt, 2 cpls, 1 l/cpl. Lieut Cook.C. still attending LHQ School of M.I. Queensland.
- (b) Training and Work. - Owing to the nature of work being carried out by unit at present it has not been possible to do "I" Trg. Work carried out consisted of:-
(i) Routine reports - duties.
(ii) Dewiring.
(iii) Camp Adm and maintenance.
(iv) Recording and distribution of pamphlets and text books and keeping of library.
(v) Wire recones and keeping enlargements up to date.

4. Topography.

Nil to hand this period.

5. Security.

- (a) Information. - Only apparent rumour that 34 Bn will return to Rutherford camp for training.
- (b) Personnel. - No evident attempts to spread dissatisfaction.
- (c) Material. - Bulk of stores at Rutherford Camp under guard of security personnel there. Picquet on MT unit in Jungle Camp. All other stores under continuous supervision.
- (d) Operations. - Security of operations well concealed in Jungle Camp Area, where a couple of workmen working at pit-head are only civilians in area.

(OVER)

(e) Censorship. - Still ^{No} apparant breaches.

(f) Morale. - Internal - High.
External - High. Practically the only contact with civilians is at WEST WALLSEND dances, where no friction of late has been apparant.

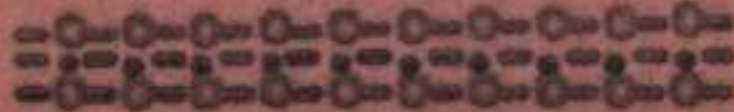
6. General.
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HQ. 20 AUST INF BN.
AUSTRALIA.
3 DEC. 43.

Subject:- INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 62.

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 2 Dec. 43.

1. Information re enemy.

- (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Equipment - Nil report.
- (c) Tactics. - Nil report.

2. Information re own troops.

- (a) Location - ~~Head~~ HQ moved from NEWCASTLE ref 564329 (vic SEAHAM COLL NO. 3) to A Block RUTHERFORD CAMP 2 Dec. 43.
Posting of officers as submitted.
- (b) Training - (i) Approx 50 personnel still detached to Second Aust Army Ship Loading Details.
 - (ii) 12 personnel (Offrs & NCOs) instructing 28 Aust Inf Bde School.
 - (iii) Average 50-55 personnel daily on dewiring of beaches - location during this period STOCKTON Tank Trap.
 - (iv) Balance of ORs engaged on camp maintenance, administration and moving camp SEAHAM to RUTHERFORD.
 - (v) Working parties mainly HQ Coy personnel engaged as advance party erecting tents and preparing A Block for occupation.
 - (vi) Night training during this period has included :-
 - (a) Group discussions and educational night.
 - (b) Lecture A.T.M. 16.

3. Information re "I" Section.

- (a) Composition. - 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls, 1 I/Cpl. - Lieut Cook still attending LHQ School of M.I. Queensland which is scheduled to complete in the coming week.
- (b) Training & Work - Owing to the nature of work being carried out and shift from SEAHAM to RUTHERFORD it has not been possible to carry out 'I' Training.
Work carried out included :-
 - (i) Routine duties and reports.
 - (ii) Dewiring, camp duties and advance party for move.
 - (iii) Recording, distribution and maintenance of text book library.

4. Topography. Nil to hand this period.

5. Security.

- (a) Information - Rumours prevalent regarding amalgamation of 20 and 34 Bns and possibly higher formations probably as a result of camp preparation for more troops and discussion by those most affected by any amalgamation who may have overheard something.
- (b) Personnel. - No attempt evident to spread dissatisfaction.
- (c) Materials - All stores now at RUTHERFORD CAMP where ample guards and picquets are continually posted.

6. (d) Operations.

- No opportunity was present for check of security of move but it is only reasonable to assume that WEST WALLSEND civilians were aware of move because of sudden stoppage of dances and passage of M.T. through township.
- (e) Censorship - Still no apparant breaches.
 - (f) Morale - Internal - High - The policy of keeping troops fully occupied with recreation and hobby facilities is bound to build morale as it has been shown that troops busy are usually well contented.
External - High.

6. General Nil report.

P. Walker
(G. COOK)
I.O. 20 AUST INF BN.

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20 Aust Inf Bn.
AUSTRALIA.
10 December, 43.

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SUBJECT:- INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 63.

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 9 December, 43.

1. INFORMATION re ENEMY.

- (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Equipment - Nil report.
- (c) Tactics - Nil report.

2. INFORMATION RE OWN TROOPS.

- (a) (Location) } A Block RUTHERFORD camp. Posting of Officers as submitted.
- (b) Training - 1. 50 personnel (approx) still detached Second Aust Army ship Loading details.
- 11. 4 Offrs 12 c/rs instructing 28 Aust Inf Bde Jungle School.
- 111. Balance of personnel during this period have been engaged on routine adm duties, maintenance and improvements to camp which had suffered as a result of Unit's period at Jungle Camp.
- 1V. Night training was carried out 2 nights consisting of :-
 - (a) Group Discussions } continuing to arouse keen debates.
 - (b) First Aid lecture and demonstration by M.O.
 - (c) Offrs lecture AM 27.

3. INFORMATION RE "I" SECTION.

- (a) Composition :- 1 Offr, 1 Sjt, 2 Cpls, 1 L/Cpls.
Lieut Cook C returned this period from LHQ School of M.I. Queensland.
- (b) Training and work. It has not been possible to carry out I try during this period owing to the nature of the work being carried out.

Work carried out included :-

- (1) Routine duties and reports.
- (2) Camp maintenance.
- (3) Recording, distribution and maintenance of Units text book library.

4. TOPOGRAPHY.

Nil to hand this period.

5. SECURITY.

- (a) INFORMATION. Speculation rife regarding amalgamation of Units and moves to other camps in NEWCASTLE Area. Such speculation is only natural in view of present circumstances.
- (b) Personnel. No evident attempts to spread dissatisfaction.
- (c) Materials. Camp guards, M.T. piquets etc provide ample protection.
- (d) Operations. No evidence of any leak, in this regard and at present future operations appear to be obscure to all ranks.
- (e) Censorship. Still an absence of apparent breaches.
- (f) Morale. Internal High. - Hobby facilities when available to all, promise to be well patronised if present indications throughout camp are a true indication.

6. GENERAL.

M.O. reports that the use of GAMBUSIA AFFINIS (Larvae eating fish) in the waterholes ~~and creeks~~ in vicinity of Jungle Range was most successful. The Fish with great rapidity resulting in a complete absence of mosquitoes during the camp's duration.

Distribution.

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28 Aust Inf Bde 2
"I" File 1

L. Walker Lt
Lieut.
(C. COCK)

I.O. 20 Aust Inf Bn.

F.B. Wade
Lt. Col.
(F. B. WADE)
Comd 20 Aust Inf Bn

HQ. 20/34 AUST INF BN.
AUSTRALIA.
17 Dec. 43.

Subject:- INTELLIGENCE REPORT. NO. 64.

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 16 Dec. 43.

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1. Information re enemy.

- (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
(b) Equipment. - Nil report.
(c) Tactics. - Nil report.

2. Information re own troops.

- (a) Location (i) A Block RUTHERFORD CAMP.
(ii) Posting of officers as submitted.
(b) Training. - Training has not been possible during this period due to the amalgamation of 20/34 Aust Inf Bns and consequent disorganisation. Night training and inspection parades have however been carried out as usual. Events and duties during this period were:-
(i) 111 personnel joined this unit ex 34. Aust Inf Bn and 28 Aust Inf Bde.
(ii) 41 personnel drafted to 17 Aust Inf Bn.
(iii) 34 personnel returned from Second Aust Army Ship Loading Details leaving 20 personnel remaining.
(iv) 15 personnel still at 9 Bde Jungle Trg School. SEAHAM.
(v) Night training carried out in the period included.
Lecture - "World Food Problems"
" - "Life cycle of Malarial Mosquitoes."
" - "Internal Haemorrhage"
Duties carried out included.
Camp administration.
Camp maintenance and improvements.
Guards and picquets.

3. Information re "I" Section.

- (a) Composition. - 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 3 Opls, 1 L/Cpl.
Cpl. Sanderson joined section ex 34. Aust Inf Bn.
(b) Training & Work. - Disorganisation as a result of drafts and amalgamation of 34 and 20 Aust Inf Bns has prevented the carrying out of "I" training. Work carried out included.
(i) Routine duties and reports.
(ii) Camp Maintenance.
(iii) Recording, distribution and maintenance of unit text books library.

4. Topography. - Nil to hand this period.

5. Security. --

- (a) Information. - No rumours other than speculations as to any further drafts and possibility of Bn being brought to full strength.
(b) Personnel. - No attempt to spread dissatisfaction.
(c) Materials. - Ample guards and picquets posted.
(d) Operations - No leakage in this regard because of uncertainty of future ops.
(e) Censorship. - Still no apparant breaches.
(f) Morale. - Internal - Fair - The breaking up of units has naturally caused discontent but this should rectify it self as they settle down.
External - High.

6. General. Nil report.

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3 "I" File.

P. Walker Sgt.
for (C. COOK) Lieut.
I.O. 20/34 AUST INF BN.
A. H. Dalrymple Lt.-Col.
(F. B. WADE) A.O.O.
Cand. 20/34 AUST INF BN.

SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 65 BASED ON INFM
RECEIVED UP TO 1200 hrs 23 DEC 43.

20/34 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA.
24 Dec 43.

1. INFORMATION RE THE ENEMY

- (a) Troops -- Nil on immediate front
- (b) Equipment -- Nil report
- (c) Tactics -- Nil report.

2. INFORMATION RE OWN TROOPS

- (a) Location -- (1) HQ A Block RUTHERFORD CAMP
(2) 1 Offr. and 12 O/Rs still at 9 Aust Inf Bde Jungle Range School engaged on maintenance and preparation for possibility of further personnel for training.
(3) 14 Offrs. and 6 O/Rs still engaged with Second Aust Army Loading Details inclusive of 1 Offr. and 4 O/Rs posted there during this period.
(4) Posting of Officers as submitted.
- (b) Training -- (1) Offrs. during this period have undergone extensive training including:-
 - (a) Ambushes - theory and practice with section of O/Rs co-operating.
 - (b) Lecture on various topics including staff tables.
- (2) O/Rs have had no opportunity for field training due to prevalence of work parties etc. these consisting of
 - (a) Extensive maintenance and camp improvements - as evidenced by improved appearance of camp block.
 - (b) Demolition of camp at GAN GAN
- (3) Night training this period consisted of
 - (a) Lecture - operations in New Britain
 - (b) Educational discussions.
 - (c) Training films.
 - (d) Band recital - this proved very popular and emphasised the improvement made of late.

3. INFORMATION RE "I" SECTION

- (a) Composition -- 1 Offr. 1 Sgt. 3 Cpls. 1 L/Cpl.
- Cpl. Tagg J. R proceeded on leave during this period prior to his being transferred to another formation.
- (b) Training -- Work --
 - (1) Routine reports and duties.
 - (2) Maintenance duties
 - (3) Upkeep unit text book library.
 - (4) Where possible co-operation with signals for training in morse code.

4. TOPOGRAPHY

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5. SECURITY

- (a) Information - Only rumour evidenced was possibility of move to GATESHEAD.
- (b) Personnel - No noticeable attempts to spread disaffection.
- (c) Materials - All stores, M. T etc well picqusted.
- (d) Operations - Future ops being obscure no leakage in this regard was apparent.
- (e) Censorship - No breaches detected.
- (f) Morale - (1) Internal - Fair - Most troops would naturally rather be home at this time of the year but all efforts have been made by the Unit to give troops a good Christmas.
(2) External - High

A. A. Maling Maj for Lt. Col. *C. Cook* Lieut.

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- 1. C. O
- 2. 9 AUST INF BDE
- 3. I File

F. H. ... Comd. A.O.O

C. COOK I. O 20/34 AUST INF BN

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43/7
20/34 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA.
31 Dec 43.

SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 66 BASED ON INFM RECEIVED
UP TO 1200 hrs 30 DEC 43

1. INFORMATION RE THE ENEMY:

- (a) Troops -- Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Eqpt. -- Nil report
- (c) Tactics -- Nil Report.

2. INFORMATION RE OWN TROOPS:

- (a) Location --
 - (1) HQ "A" Block BUTHURFORD CAMP
 - (2) 1 Offr. 6 O/Rs still at 9 Aust Inf Bde Jungle School engaged on maintenance and preparation for possible further training.
 - (3) 12 Offrs. 5 O/Rs still detached to Second Aust Army Loading Details.
 - (4) During this period 6 O/Rs marched in ex Detention Hqs via GDD.
 - (5) Posting of offrs as submitted on routine return.
- (b) Training --
 - (1) Offrs. engaged on own trg as per syllabus.
 - (2) Roll ring of individual trg as per syllabus commenced. Pers engaged were privates with the object of qualifying them for proficiency pay.
 - (3) Work parties engaged on camp maintenance and improvements and construction of obstacles course.
 - (4) Camp Adm picquets etc.
 - (5) Night training included lectures by RMO on V. D which was well received, the troops showing a keen desire to learn the facts appertaining thereto. Officers conducted discussion groups.

3. INFM RE "I" SECTION:

- (a) Composition -- 1 Offr. 1 Sgt. 3 Cpls. 1 L/Cpl.

Cpl. J. R. TAGE (not included in above) is still on leave pending tfr. to another formation.

- (b) Training & Work --
 - (1) Routine reports and duties.
 - (2) Assistance in maintenance of recreational and Educational facilities.
 - (3) Unkeep unit text book library.
 - (4) Morse Code and Signal Trg.
 - (5) Map recce proposed route - BUTHURFORD TO NARELLAN
 - (6) Overhaul of security filing system.

4. TOPOGRAPHY: NIL REPORT

5. SECURITY:
- (a) Information -- Troops seem aware of impending move, but various destinations rumored included ST. IVES, BALGONNIE, NARELLAN. It is considered impossible to prevent knowledge of impending move from circulating within the Unit but troops appear to realise the importance of not broadcasting it outside.
 - (b) Personnel -- No noticeable attempts to spread dissatisfaction.
 - (c) Materials -- Stores, MT etc well picqueted.
 - (d) Operations -- As mentioned in sub para (a) above troops are aware of impending move but have no ideas as to future ops.
 - (e) Censorship -- Still no breaches.
 - (f) Morale -- (1) Internal -- High, troops very pleased with menu and privileges granted during Christmas Weekend.
(2) External -- Very High.

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2. 9 Aust Inf Bde
3. File

J. H. Wade Lt. COL. *A. C. Cook* Lieut.
E. B. WARD Comd. 20/34 Aust Inf Bn C. Cook I. O 20/34 A.I.B

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HQ. 20/34 AUST INF BN.
AUSTRALIA.
9 Jan. 44.

**SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 67 BASED ON INFORMATION
RECEIVED UP TO 1200 HRS 6 JAN. 44.**

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9 AUST INF BDE.
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1. Information re the enemy.

- (a) Troops. Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Equipment. Nil report.
- (c) Tactics. Nil.

2. Information re own troops.

- (a) Location. HQ. 20/34 Bn closed down and moved from A Block RUTHERFORD CAMP on 5 Jan. 44. and re-opened at C & D Blocks HARELLAN CAMP.
5 Offrs 24 ORs still detached to 9 Aust Inf Bde Jungle School engaged on maintenance and preparation for possible further training.
12 Offrs 5 ORs still detached to Second Aust Army Ship Loading Details.

During this period 6 ORs marched in from GDD.

Posting of officers as submitted on routine return.

- (b) Training. During this period no training has been carried out due to move to this camp. All personnel engaged in packing gear and cleaning up old camp area, likewise unpacking and cleaning up new area.
Camp Administration picquets.

3. Information re "I" Section.

- (a) Composition. 1 Offr. 1 Sgt. 3 Cpls. 1 L/Cpl.
Cpl. Tagg J.R. (not included in above) is still on leave pending transfer to another unit.
Sgt P. Walker attending 2 Aust Army Cipher School.

(b) Training & Work.

Routine reports and duties.

Assistance in maintenance of recreational and educational facilities.

Upkeep of unit text books library.

Assisting in preparation of administrative instruction for move from RUTHERFORD TO HARELLAN.

4. Intelligence.

Nil report.

5. Security.

Information. General rumors within the unit speculate that the major majority of troops will be engaged in wharf duties.

Personnel. No attempt to spread dissatisfaction.

Material. Ample guards and picquets posted.

Operations. No leakage in this respect because of uncertainty of future operations.

Morale. Internal. High. Due mainly to the improved entertainmer within the camp and the better living facilities obtained here.

6. General.

Unit band was detached to 1 Aust Div for 3 days to participate in March held in SYDNEY on 4 Jan. 44 in which 16 Aust Inf Bde were featured.

W. Smith Lieut.
(C. COOK)
I.O. 20/34 AUST INF BN. A.O.D

F. B. Wade Lt-Col.
(F. B. WADE)
Comd. 20/34 AUST INF BN.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 68 - BASED ON INFM
RECEIVED UP TO 1200 hrs 18 JAN 44.

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20/34 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA.
14 Jan 44.

9 Aust Inf Bde,

1. INFORMATION RE THE ENEMY:

- (1) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
- (2) Eqpt. - Nil report.
- (3) Tactics - Nil Report.

2. INFORMATION RE OWN TPS:

- (a) Location: (1) HQ C & D Blocks NARELLAN Camp
(2) 13 Offrs. 7 O/Rs detached Second Aust Army Ldg Details
(3) 5 Offrs. 26 O/Rs still detached to 9 Bde Jungle Sch.
engaged on maintenance and preparation for possible
further training.
During this period 6 O/Rs marched in ex GDD as reinforcements.
14 O/Rs attached for rations pending arrival in this
area of 18 Fd Regt.
- (b) Training & Work: No training has been carried out during this period
on account of maintenance and improvements to camp
block. Improved appearance indicate the amount of
work put in by working parties. Camp Admin and Picquets
on all stores.

3. INFORMATION RE "I" SECTION:

- (a) Composition: 1 Offr. 1 Sgt. 2 Cpls. 1 L/Cpl.
L/Cpl. Rice and Cpl. Sanderson - Leave
Cpl. Tagg J. R marched out to another formation.
Sgt. Walker P. H returned from 2 A. A Cipher School
- (b) Training & Work: (1) Setting up of "I" Office in new location.
(2) Recall and reissue of maps.
(3) Layouts of camp area etc.
(4) Routine reports and duties.
(5) Upkeep of unit text book library.
(6) Where possible participation in working parties.

4. TOPOGRAPHY: N I L R E P O R T

5. SECURITY:
- (a) Information - No rumours to hand this period.
(b) Personnel - No noticeable attempts to cause disaffection.
(c) Materials - Stores & MT well picqueted.
(d) Operations - All personnel very busy settling down in new quarters
and future ops appear well concealed to all.
(e) Censorship - No breaches evident.
(f) Morale - (1) Internal : High
Amenities and recreational facilities a big improvement
on RUTHERFORD and well appreciated.
(2) External : High

F. B. Wade Lt. Col. *W. B. Smith* Lieut.
F. B. WADE Comd. 20/34 Aust Inf Bn for W. B. SMITH I. O 20/34 Aust Inf Bn
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20/24 Aust Inf Bn.
AUSTRALIA.
22 January, 44.

Subject :- INTELLIGENCE REPORTS BASED ON INFORMATION
RECEIVED UP TO 1230 Hrs 22 January, 44.

1. INFORMATION RE THE ENEMY.

- (a) Troops - Nil at immediate front.
- (b) Equipment - Nil to report.
- (c) Tactics - Nil report.

2. INFORMATION RE OUR TROOPS.

- (a) Location. HQ 20/24 in C.I. Block HARELLIN CAMP.
- (b) 18 C.B.'s were drafted to 17 Aust Inf Bn. (AIF)
- (c) During this period 9 C.B.'s marched in ex GDS as reinforcements.

Training.

- (a) Troops have been engaged in camp improvements.
- (b) Draft personnel have been brought to N.F.L. standard, including regular Dental parades for troops.
- (c) Major Macdonald commenced the night training with a very interesting lecture on the war situation in the Pacific and European fronts.
- (d) Camp adm & pickets on all stores.

3. INFORMATION RE "I" SECTION.

- (a) Composition. 1 Offr, 1 Sgt., 20pls.
Sgt. Walker and Opl Sanderson on leave.
L/Opl. Rice drafted to 17 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) Training & Work.
Routine duties & reports.

4. TOPOGRAPHY. NIL REPORT.

5. SECURITY.
- (a) Information. No rumors to date this period.
 - (b) Personnel. No noticeable attempts to spread dissatisfaction.
 - (c) Materials. Stores & M.T. well picketed.
 - (d) Operations. Future ops appear well concealed.
 - (e) Censorship. No breaches evident.
 - (f) Morale. (i) Internal. HIGH.
(ii) External. HIGH.

J.A. Mills Lieut.
P. (C. COOK) A.O.D.
I.O. 20/24 Aust Inf Bn.

F.B. Wade Lt. Col.
(F.B. WADE.)
Comd. 20/24 Aust Inf Bn.

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20/34 AUST INF BN
AUSTRALIA.
29 Jan. 44.

Subject:- INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 70.
BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED UP TO 1200 HRS 28 JAN. 44.

9 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

1. INFORMATION RE ENEMY.

- (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Eqpt. - Nil report.
- (c) Tactics - Nil report.

2. INFORMATION RE EN TROOPS.

- (a) Location - (i) HQ, C & D Blocks NARELLAN CAMP.
(ii) During this period 16 ORs marched out to 17 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
(iii) 3 ORs reinforcements marched in ex GDD.
- (b) Trg & Work. (i) Troops have been busily engaged on camp improvements and repairs.
(ii) Working parties have been engaged on Bde Areas.
(iii) All stores have been guarded and MT picquets also a picquet has been supplied for D.I.D.

3. INFORMATION RE "I" SECTION.

- (i) Composition. - 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls.
I.O., Lieut Cook attending First Aust Army Staff School War Course No. 8.
- (ii) Trg & Work. Routine reports and duties.
Upkeep of unit text library.

4. TOPOGRAPHY.

Nil report.

5. SECURITY.

- (i) Information - No rumours to hand this period.
- (ii) Personnel - No noticeable attempts to spread dissatisfaction.
- (iii) Material. - Stores and MT well picqueted.
- (iv) Operations. - All personnel busy on camp duties and future ops well concealed.
- (v) Censorship. - No breaches evident.
- (vi) Morale.
 - Internal high.
 - External - High.Troops are very interested in the arrival of the tools for the hobbies and seem enthusiastic to begin.

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W. Smith
for (C. COOK) Lieut.
I.O. 20/34 AUST INF BN. AOD

A. H. Wade Lt-Col.
(F. B. WADE) 505
Comd. 20/34 AUST INF BN.

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Subject:- INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 71.

BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED UP TO 1200 hrs 3 FEB. 44.

9 AUST INF BDE (AIF)
G.O. 20/34 AUST INF BN.
INTELLIGENCE FILE.

1. INFORMATION RE ENEMY.

- (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Eqp. - Nil report.
- (c) Tactics.- Nil report.

2. INFORMATION RE OWN TROOPS.

- (a) Location: - (i) Hq., C & D Blocks NARELLAN CAMP
(ii) 6 reinforcements marched in ex GDD.
(iii) Lt-Col Wade marched out to LHQ School of Mech Senior Officers Course Seymour.
- (b) Try & Work- (i) Troops have been busily engaged on Camp improvement and repairs.
(ii) Working parties have been engaged on Bde Area.
(iii) All stores have been guarded and MT picquets also a picquet has been supplied for DID.
(iv) Lecture was given on Monday night on "Post War Reconstruction". Educational films were shown on Wednesday night.

3. INFORMATION RE SECTION.

- (i) Composition - 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls., Lt Cook - School.
- (ii) Try & Work. - Routine reports and duties. Upkeep of unit text library.

4. TOPOGRAPHY.

Nil.

5. SECURITY.

- (i) Information - No rumours to hand this period.
- (ii) Personnel. - No noticeable attempts to spread dissatisfaction.
- (iii) Material - Stores and MT picqueted.
- (iv) Operations - All personnel busy on camp duties and future ops well concealed.
- (v) Censorship. - No breaches evident.
- (vi) Morale. - Internal, high.
External, high.

W. Sanderson Cpl.

F. W. Cook Lieut.
(F. W. COOK)
I.O. 20/34 AUST INF BN. AOD

A. H. Maline Maj.
(A. H. MALINE)
Adj Comd. 20/34 AUST INF BN.

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Subject:- INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 72.
BASES ON INFORMATION RECEIVED UP TO 1200 hrs 11 Feb. '44.

9 AUST INF BDE.
C.O. 20/34 AUST INF BN.
INTELLIGENCE FILE.

1. INFORMATION RE ENEMY.

- (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front.
- (b) Eqty. - Nil Report.
- (c) Tactics - Nil Report.

2. INFORMATION RE OWN TROOPS.

- LOCATION. (1) Ho, C & D Blocks HARELLAN CAMP.
 (2) 5 Offrs 26 O.Bs still detached to 9 Bde Jungle School engaged on maintenance and reconstruction of Rangein preparation for possible further training.

- Trg & Work- (1) Officers have been carrying out a very comprehensive training Syllabus.
 (2) Troops have been busily engaged on camp renovating & maintenance, & taking fire precautions by burning the grass around the billeting area.
 (3) Working parties are continuing duties at Bde.
 (4) Camp adm & picquets on all stores.
 (5) Sigs & "I" Section have been combining in msg work & sending & receiving messages by the means of the Lucas Lamp & Heliograph systems.
 Night parades included a lecture on India and Educational films.

3. INFORMATION RE "I" SECTION.

- (a) Composition - 1 Offr, 1 Sjt, 2 Cpls.
 Licat Cook attending Staff School War Course No.8.
 Sjt Walker attending A/C recognition School.
- (b) Trg & Work. - (1) Routine Reports & duties.
 (2) Checking of all text books & Office Library
 (3) Co-operating with Sigs in exercises.

4. TOPOGRAPHY.

Nil.

5. SECURITY.

- (1) Information - No rumours to hand this period.
- (2) Personnel - No noticeable attempts to cause dissatisfaction
- (3) Materilas - Stores & M.T. picqueted.
- (4) Operations - All personnel busy on camp duties & future ops appear well concealed.
- (5) Censorship - No breaches evident.
- (6) Morale - Internal High.
 External High.

for *W.D. Smith* Licut.
 (C. COOK) AOP
 I.O. 20/34 Aust Inf Bn.

A.H. Manning Maj.
 (A.H. Manning)
 Adm. Coord 20/34 Aust Inf Bn.

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SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 73 - BASED ON INFM RECEIVED
UP TO 1200 hrs 18 Feb 44.

20/34 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA.
18 Feb 44.

9 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
C. O 20/34 Aust Inf Bn
Intelligence File.



1. INFORMATION RE ENEMY: (1) Troops: Nil on immediate front.
(2) Equip: Nil Report.
(3) Tactics: Nil Report.

2. INFM RE OWN TROOPS:

- Location (1) HQ C & D Blocks Marellan Camp
(2) 5 Offrs. 26 O/Rs still detached to 9 Bde Jungle School, engaged on maintenance and reconstruction of range in preparation for possible
(3) 9 O/Rs marched in ex GDD as reinf.

- Trg & Work (1) Officers still engaged on a comprehensive trg. syllabus, which included a 3 days exercise, embracing Map Reading, Tac Exercises, river crossings.
(2) Troops are engaged in elementary trg. Bayonet Trg, Hardening exerc P. T and route marches in preparation for efficiency test.
(3) Camp Maintenance D. I. D Picquet, M. T and all stores picqueted.
(4) Night parades, included a very interesting lecture on Turkey's position of neutrality. Also education films were shown another night.

3. INFORMATION RE "I" SECTION:

- (a) Composition 1 Offr. 1 Sgt. 2 Cpls.

I.O attending Staff School, War Cse No. 8 "I" Sgt. still at A/C rec. Sch.

- (b) Trg. & Work.

- (1) Routine reports and duties.
(2) Maintaining unit Text Book Library.

4. TOPOGRAPHY: N I L R E P O R T

5. SECURITY: (1) Information: No rumours to hand this period.
(2) Personnel: No noticeable attempts to cause disaffection.
(3) Materials: Stores and M. T Picqueted.
(4) Operations: All personnel engaged on trg. and camp duties. Ops appear well concealed.
(5) Censorship: Breach of address in location of camp on letter received necessary action has been taken.
(6) Morale: Internal High
External High
(7) For some considerable time reports have come to hand, particularly from reinforcements, of the excellent manner, in which the food is prepared.

A. H. Maling
A. H. MALING Adm. Comd. 20/34 Aust Inf Bn Major.

for *W. Smith*
C. COOK I. O 20/34 Aust Inf Bn Lieut.

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SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 74 BASED ON
IN M RECEIVED UP TO 1200 hrs 24 FEB 44

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20/34 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA.
25 Feb 44.

9 AUST INF BDE

1. INFM RE ENEMY:

- (a) Troops - Nil on immediate front
- (b) Equipment - Nil report
- (c) Tactics - Nil report.

2. INFM RE OWN TROOPS:

- Location:
- (1) HQ C & D Block NARELLAN Camp
 - (2) 5 Offrs. 27 O/Rs still detached 9 Aust Inf Bde Jungle School engaged on maintenance and reconstruction in prep. for possibility of further training.
 - (3) 5 Offrs. 5 O/Rs detached Second Aust Army Ships ldg. Details.
 - (4) 3 Reinforcements marched in ex G. D. D.

Training & Work:

- (1) Offrs. engaged in special syllabus embracing comprehensive lectures on all subjects and exercises in cross country map reading and bushcraft.
- (2) Squad of privates still undergoing comprehensive training particularly in
 - (a) Individual training.
 - (b) Grenade 30 yds. - Classification range.
 - (c) Night lectures - map reading.

Object of this training is to prepare troops for qualification for proficiency pay.

- (3) Other personnel engaged on Camp Admn. and Duties. During this period education lectures and films were given and proved very instructive. A representative of N. E. I Government lectured all ranks on the Jap invasion of the Islands, particularly the part played by the N. E. I Government, and Australia. A most interesting lecture of its type, the speaker showing an amazing knowledge of facts and figures and was very well received by all.

3. INFM RE OWN "I" SECTION:

- (a) Composition: 1 Offr. 1 Sgt. 2 Cpls.
I. O still attending Staff School War Cse. No. 8 Q
"I" Sgt. returned from A/c Recog. School SAANLS Seymour.

(b) Training & Work:

- (1) Routine reports and duties.
- (2) Unit Text Book Library maintenance
- (3) "I" Sgt. participated in Offr. Squad cross country Map reading exercise 21/23 Feb 44.

4. TOPOGRAPHY N I L

5. SECURITY:
- (1) Information: No rumours or leakage of information evident.
 - (2) Personnel: No noticeable attempts to spread disaffection.
 - (3) Materials: All stores and MT well picqueted, petrol etc under lock and key.
 - (4) Operations: Future activities indefinite, consequently no leakage of infm here.
 - (5) Censorship: No breaches to hand during period.
 - (6) Morale: Internal High - External High
Troops appreciate the good type of library books and recreational facilities now available.

W. Smith
for C. COOK I.O 20/34 Aust Inf Bn
Adj

Lieut.

A. H. Maling Major.
A. H. Maling Adm Comd. 20/34 Aust
Inf Bn

3 Mar 44.

Subject : INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 75.
(Based on infm received up to
1200 hrs 2 Mar 44).

9 Aust Inf Bde
CO 20/34 Aust Inf Bn
File.

1. Infm re Enemy.

- (a) Troops - Nil on Immediate Front.
- (b) Equipment - Nil report.
- (c) Tactics - Nil report.

2. Infm re own Tps.

- (a) Location - (1) Hq C & D Blocks NARELLAN CAMP.
(2) 5 Offrs, 27 ORs still detached 9 Aust Inf Bde Jungle School training ASC personnel over Jungle, Snap, Deduction and Obstacle Courses.
(3) 6 Offrs 1 OR still detached Second Aust Army Ship Loading Details.
(4) 30 ORs marched out to 1/45 Aust Inf Bn.
(5) 2 ORs in ex GDD and 9 Aust Inf Bde
(6) Posting of offrs as submitted.

(b) Training & Work.

- (1) Officers still engaged on syllabus of advanced training embracing -
 - (i) A & Q records & procedure - functions of GDD.
 - (ii) States & Returns.
 - (iii) Offences - procedure.
 - (iv) Grid Systems.
 - (v) War Cases.
 - (vi) Recce & Recce Reports.
- (2) Squad of privates trg for proficiency pay qualification during this period.
- (3) Squad undergoing trg in hobbies work, object being to train them as instructors.
- (4) Other personnel engaged in routine adm duties, camp maintenance, picquets etc.
- (5) Two work nights held this period for Educational Lectures & Films.

3. Infm re I Section.

(a) Composition - 1 Offr, 1 Sjt, 2 Cpls. 10 still attending Staff School War Course No 8.

(b) Trg & Work - (1) Routine Reports & Duties.
(2) Unit Text Book Library maintenance.

4. Topography. Nil report.

5. Security.

- (a) Information - No evidence of rumours or leakage of infm.
- (b) Personnel - No noticeable attempt to spread dissatisfaction.
- (c) Materials - All MT and stores picqueted - petrol & oil under lock and key.
- (d) Ops - Future ops indefinite consequently no leakage of infm here.
- (e) Censorship. No breaches during the period.
- (f) Morale - Internal - Very High.
External High.
The reinauguration of sports afternoon creating much interest.

A.H. Malins Major

(A.H. MALINS)

20/34 Aust Inf Bn

J.A. Miller Lt.

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20/34 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA.

10 Mar 44.

Subject : INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 76
(Based on infm received up to
1200 hrs 9 Mar 44.)

9 Aust Inf Bde
CO 20/34 Aust Inf Bn
"I" File

1. Information re Enemy.

- a. Troops - NIL on immediate front.
- b. Eqpt - NIL report.
- c. Tactics - NIL report.

2. Information re Own Tps.

- a. Location - (1) HQ - C & D Blocks WARELLAN CAMP.
(2) 5 Offrs 27 ORs still detached 9 Aust Inf Bde
Jungle Schooltrg ASC pers.
(3) 2 Offrs 1 OR still detached Second Aust Army
Loading Detail (wharf duties).
(4) 4 Offrs transferred to 1/45 Aust Inf Bn.
(5) 2 Offrs transferred to 17 Aust Inf Bn
(6) 2 Offrs detached 1 Aust Inf Bde.
(7) 4 Offrs 5 ORs detached Aust Recruit Training
Centre COWRA.
(8) Posting of Offrs as submitted.

b. Training & Work.

- (1) Officers still engaged on syllabus of advanced training embracing:-
 - (a) Cross Country Compass march
 - (b) Summary of evidence and application for DCM
 - (c) Field Sketching
 - (d) Organizations standard and jungle
 - (e) Ground - Air intercomn
 - (f) Jungle defence
 - (g) MT Driving and Maintenance
- (2) Hobby group undergoing courses to qualify as instructors
- (3) Other personnel engaged in camp maintenance, improvement administration, piquets, working parties, etc.
- (4) Night lectures and films.

3. Infm re I Section.

- (a) Composition - 1 Offr 1 Sgt 2 Cpls - 10 still attending War Course No 8 (Staff School) Q.
- (b) Training and Work
 - (1) Routine reports and duties.
 - (2) Unit Text Book Library maintenance.
 - (3) Tracing BURRAGORANG VALLEY area.

4. Topography - NIL report.

5. Security.

- a. Information - Speculation but no rumours re possible move to new location.
- b. Personnel - No noticeable attempt to spread dissatisfaction.
- c. Materials - All materials & MT well piquetted - petrol and oil under lock and key.

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- d. Ops - Future ops very indefinite consequently no leakage here.
- e. Censorship - No breaches reported.
- f. Morale - Internal - Very high - keen interest evident in sports.
External - High.

J.A. Mills
..... Lt
(C. COOK)
10 20/34 Aust Inf Bn.

F.B. Wade
..... Lt Col
(F.B. WADE)
COMD 20/34 AUST INF BN.

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20/34 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA

18 MARCH '44

SUBJECT :- INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 77

(Based on information received up to 1200 hrs
16 Mar '44).

9 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
C.O. 20/34 Aust Inf Bn
"I" File

1. Location Own Troops :: (a) H.Q.'s , C & D Blocks NARELLAN Camp.
(b) 4 Offrs 24 O.R's still detached 9 Aust Inf Bde Jungle School engaged on Trg A.S.C. personnel.
(c) 6 Offrs 1 O.R. still detached Second Aust Army Leading Detail (Wharf Duties)
(d) 24 Band personnel detached to 1 Aust Inf Trg Bde (Dubbe) approx 3 weeks.
(e) 5 O.R's marched in as reinforcements ex G.D.D.
(f) Posting of Officers as submitted.
2. Security :: (a) Information : Detachment of Band personnel and proposed N.C.O. detachment has given rise to speculation on possible unit disintegration.
3. Censorship :: No breaches reported during this period.
4. Suspected Personnel :: Nil Report

F. B. Wade
LT/COL.
(F.B. WADE) COMD OFFR
20/34 AUST INF BN

Arthur Regor
Capt.
for (G. Cook) I.O.
20/34 AUST INF BN

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20/34 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA

25 March 44

SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 78
(Based on information received up to 1200 hrs
23 March 44)

9 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
C.O. 20/34 Aust Inf Bn
"I" File

1. Location Own Troops :: (a) H.Q.'s H Block Marellan Camp.
(b) 4 Offrs 24 O/R's still detached 9 Aust Inf Bde Jungle School engaged on Trg and Maintenance.
(c) 5 Offrs 1 O/R still detached Second Aust Army Loading Detail (Wharf Duties)
(d) 3 O/R's m/in as reinforcements ex GDD
(e) 7 O/R's m/out of unit.
2. Security :: (a) Information : 20/34 Aust Inf Bn evacuated C and D blocks and moved to H block.
3. Censorship :: No breaches reported during this period.
4. Suspected Personnel :: Nil Report.

F. B. Wade
Lt Col.
(F.B. Wade) Comd Offr.
20/34 Aust Inf Bn.

S. L. Hayne
for (C. Cook) I.O.
20/34 Aust Inf Bn

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SUBJECT:- Intelligence Report No 79.

(Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 30 Mar, 44)

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20/34 Aust Inf Bn.

AUSTRALIA 31 Mar, 44

9 Aust Inf Bde(A.I.F.)
C.O. 20/34 Aust Inf Bn.
"I" File.

I. Information re own Tps.

(b) Location

- (1) H.Q. -H Block NARELLAN CAMP.
- (2) 4 Offrs 18 Ors returned to unit ,ex 9 Aust Inf Bde Jungle Range.
- (3) 5 Offrs 1 Or still detached Second Aust Army Loading Details (Wharf Duties)
- (4) 4 Sgts 2 Cpls detac hed to Aust Recruit Training Centre Cowra.
- (5) 1 Off seconded and 6 Ors transferred to other Units.
- (6) 24 Band personnel returned ex I Aust Inf Trg Bde Dubbo.
- (7) Posting of Officers as submitted.

19. Security.

- (a) Information Disbandment of Unit, common knowledge- no evidence of other rumors.
- (e) Censorship -No breaches reported during this period
- (f) Suspected Personnel Nil Report.

F. B. Wade Lt-Col.
(F. B. WADE) Comd. Offr.
20/34 Aust Inf Bn.

J. G. MillLt.
(C. COOK) I.O.
20/34 Aust Inf Bn.

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20/34 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA 5 Apr. '44

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SUBJECT:- INTELLIGENCE REPORT No.80.

(Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 6 Apr. '44.

9 Aust Inf Bde.(AIF)
CO 20/34 Aust Inf Bn.
"I" File.

I. Information re own tps.

(b) Location

- (1) HQ -H.Block NARELLAN CAMP.
- (2) 6 Ors still engaged 9 Aust Inf Bde Jungle Range SEAHAM.
- (3) 5 Offrs, 1 or. still detached Second Aust Army Loading Detail(Wharf Duties)
- (4) 3 offrs returned to unit ex Trg Bns and Recruit Trg Centres.
- (5) 30 ors transferred in absentia leaving on strength 42 Offrs, 146 Ors, plus 33 personnel attached by WE.
- (6) Posting of Offrs as submitted on routine reports.

19. Security.

- (a) Information. Rumors and speculation very prevalent some to the effect that 9 Aust Inf Bde will not now be disbanded.
- (c) Censorship. Still no breaches reported.
- (f) Suspected Personnel. Nil Report.

F. B. Wade

Lt-Col.

(F. B. WADE) Comd. 20/34 Aust Inf Bn.

C. Cook

(C. COOK.) I O.

20/34 Aust Inf Bn.

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Subject:- INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 81.

BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED UP TO 1200 HRS 13 APR. 44.

Address HQ 20/34 AUST INF BN
AUSTRALIA.
14 Apr. 44.

9 AUST INF BDE (AIF)
C.O. 20/34 AUST INF BN
"I" FILE.

1. Information re own troops.

1. Location - HQ. H Block NARELLAN CAMP.
2. 3 O/Rs transferred to other units during this period.
3. Detachments now stand as follows :-
 - 5 Offrs 1 OR - Second Aust Army Ship Loading Details.
 - 5 ORS - 9 Aust Inf Bde Jungle School.
 - 2 Offrs 11 ORs - 1 Aust Div Reception Camp.
 - 3 Offrs 19 ORS - Aust Recruit Trg Centre, COWRA.
4. Unit strength now :- 44 Offrs 147 ORs plus 33 Attached by WE.
5. Posting of officers as submitted on routine report.

2. Security.

- (a) Information. - Rumours naturally prevalent in view of the present uncertainty of unit's position.
- (b) Censorship. - Still no breaches.
- (c) Suspected personnel. - Nil.

Lieut.

(G. COCK) I.O.
20/34 AUST INF BN.

F. B. Wade Lt-Col.

(F. B. WADE)
Comd. 20/34 AUST INF BN

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20/34 Aust Inf Bn

Date

AUSTRALIA. 21 Apr. 44.

SECRET.**SUBJECT:—INTELLIGENCE REPORT No. 82.****(BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED UP TO 1200 HRS 20 APRIL 1944.)**

9 AUST INF BDE (A.I.F.)

C.O 20/34 AUST INF BN.

"I" FILE**I. Information re own tps.****(b) Location.**

1. HQ-H Block NARELLAN CAMP.
2. 23 Offrs from posted strength transferred to Aust Inf Bns A.I.F. and attached to 20/34 Aust Inf Bn pending movement.
3. Detachments now stand as follows:—
 - 5 Offrs 31 Ors 1/45 Aust Inf Bn (Wharf Duties)
 - 25 Ors 9 Aust Inf Bde Jungle School
 - 4 Offrs 15 Ors 1 Aust Div Reception Camp
 - 2 Offrs 19 Ors Aust Recruit Trg Centre Cowra.
4. Unit posted strength now:— 24 Offrs 145 Ors plus 31 Ors attached by W.E.
5. Posting of Offrs as submitted on routine report.

29. Security.

- (a) Information— Uncertainty of Units position naturally resulting in rumors.
- (e) Censorship— Still no breaches.
- (f) Suspected)— Nil
Personnel

E. Oldham
 Lt.
 (E. COOK) I.O. 20/34 Aust Inf Bn.

A. H. Maling Maj/Lt-Col.
 (F.B. WADE) Comd. 20/34 Aust Inf Bn.

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20/34 Aust Inf Bn.

SUBJECT:- INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 83

AUSTRALIA. 28 Apr.44

BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED UP TO 1200 hrs 27 APR.44

9 AUST INF BDE (A.I.F.)
C.O. 20/34 AUST INF BN.
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I. Information re own tps.

(b) Location.

1. HQ. situated H Block NARELLAN CAMP.
2. Posted strength now stands at 23 Offrs 133 Ors plus 32 Ors attached by WE. in addition 23 Offrs and 17 Ors XE transferred in absentia.
3. Detachments now stand as follows:-

3 Offrs 5 Ors I Aust Recruit Trg Centre Cowra.
4 Offrs 15 " I Aust Div Reception Camp
5 Offrs 3 Ors 1/45 Aust Inf Bn
1 Offr 4 Ors 17 Aust Inf Bn.
2 Offrs 6 Ors Various Units.

TOTAL. 15 Offrs. 33 Ors.

4. Posting of Offrs as submitted on routine report.

19. Security

- (a) Information. Rumors and speculation naturally prevalent.
- (c) Censorship. No reported breaches.
- (f) Suspected Persons Nil.

Lt-Col.
(F.B. WADE) Ccmd. 20/34 Aust Inf Bn.

J. A. Mills
.....Lt.
for (C. COOK) I.O. A.O.D.
20/34 Aust Inf Bn.

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SUBJECT: Intelligence Report No 84.
Based on info received up to 1200 hrs 4 May 44.

9 Aust Inf Bde.
G.O. 20/34 Aust Inf Bn.

1. Information re own tns.

(b) Location

- (i) HQ situated "H" Block NARELLAN Camp.
- (ii) Posted strength now stands at 23 offrs 134 O/Rs plus 31 O/Rs attached by W.E.
- (iii) Transferred in absentia now 5 offrs 15 O/Rs. (During this period 19 offrs who had been transferred in absentia were actually transferred to Aust Trg Centre J.W. Canungra)
- (iv) Detachments now stand as follows:-

3 offrs 5 O/Rs	Aust Recruit Trg Centre COWRA.
3 " 13 "	1 Aust Div Reception Camp.
2 " - "	1/45 Aust Inf Bn.
1 " 4 "	17 Aust Inf Bn.
4 " 6 "	Various other units.

Total 13 " 28 "

- (v) Posting of offrs as submitted on routine return.

19. Security.

- (a) Information: Uncertainty of units' position plus visit from Major Eird from LHQ naturally resulting in much speculation and rumour.
- (e) Censorship: Still no reported breaches.
- (f) Suspected persons: Nil.

A. Ballantyne Lieut.
for I.O. 20/34 Aust Inf Bn.

A.H. Malins Maj.
(A.H. MALINS) Adm Comd 20/34 Aust Inf Bn.

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